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Charles Bowen

Reports we are receiving at present indicate that this year's major UFO "waves" have occurred in France and Spain. When more detailed summaries for the year are collected, we may discover that other regions and countries have had their peaks of activity too. Meanwhile, here are some of the more up-to-date accounts from Spain . . .

Landing and Auto-Chase near Seville

The experience of salesman Albert Sanchez was reported in the press, and was the subject of a follow-up investigation by *Flying Saucer Review* correspondent R. B. Guerard y Holmes. The event took place at Castillo de las Guardas, Seville.

On Mar. 20, 1974, at about 11 a.m., Sanchez saw what he thought was an airplane about to crash. He drove to the scene, and to his surprise saw an "airship" more than 450 feet long resting on the ground. A "door" was open, and 2 smaller craft shaped like Yo-Yos were seen entering the large craft. A third similar small craft veered away from the others and headed toward Sanchez, who says he fled to his car and drove off. The small UFO, which in daylight looked like aluminum, and appeared to give off no light, followed the car soundlessly for about 8 miles. It then flew away at an extremely high speed.

Sanchez, who had been frightened out of his wits, reported the incident to the nearest station of the *Guardia Civil*, something one does not casually do in Spain.

The night before Albert Sanchez's sighting and auto chase, Antonia Diaz Ramos of Gerena, Seville Province, saw a strange "squeaking" UFO, with figures inside that could have been pilots, take off from her back yard. This I reported in an earlier column of *UFO Report*.

Landing at Jerez de la Frontera, Cadiz

A week later, in the district of Santo Tomas de Aquino, near Jerez de la Frontera, Pedro Jiminez Aguilar, saw a strange object hovering about 6 feet above the ground. It had powerful green and amber lights on top, and apertures that looked like windows with red, revolving lights around them. Suddenly all the bright lights were extinguished, and the device wobbled from side to side and *disappeared from view*. The date of this sighting was Mar. 27, 1974.

Humanoids and Landed UFOs

On Mar. 29, 1974, the newspaper *La Gaceta Regional* reported an incident which was said to have occurred at Valdehyaderos, near Salamanca "a few days earlier."

It was 2 a.m. when 21-year-old truck driver Maximiliano Inglesias was driving back to his home at Legunilla, and was dazzled by a strong light which he presumed came from an approaching vehicle. He dipped his headlights and then saw an object like "a saucer placed on top of a plate" on the road about 600 feet ahead of him. He also saw another similar object hovering in the air some 60 feet away from him. By then his truck had come to a halt, and Inglesias says he saw 2 beings leave the object, land on the ground, and point at his vehicle. These "men" then went back into the object which took off and left the second UFO still motionless in mid air. Inglesias had difficulty in restarting his truck, and once he got back home he went to bed, a very frightened man.

The next night Maximiliano Inglesias was returning to Legunilla with another truckload. At the very same spot at about 11:30 p.m., he saw 3 silvery objects standing on the road. He switched off the ignition because the truck had stopped and he was unable to restart it.

Then began a nightmarish experience. Inglesias got out of his cab and then saw 4 "humanoid" figures outside the craft. The beings approached him and, in a state of panic, he took off across a field with the beings in pursuit. Exhausted, Inglesias dropped into a ditch full of mud, and hid himself while the creatures went by.

Inglesias states that they were more than 6½ feet tall, their faces were hidden, and they made no sounds whatsoever.

Once the "humanoids" were out of sight he ran back to his truck and climbed back in. Then, in the distance, he saw them again, outside the 3 craft, pointing at Inglesias and waving their arms. They also appeared to have tools in their hands, and were seen digging holes before they went back to their craft and departed. It was a long time before the truck would start again.

Inglesias told his story next day to the *Guardia Civil*, and Spaniards well know that this branch of the police cannot be trifled with! During the investigation that followed a hole was found in the ground near the site of the incident. Under interrogation, the truck driver denied that he made the hole.

Tarragona "Train"

On Apr. 2, 1974 (as reported in the Madrid newspaper *ABC* on April 3d), Paulino Torner, his wife and 3 children, and Bartolome Rubio and his wife, heard a noise like a train in a field near Tarragona. The railway is several miles away from the field in question. They turned around and saw an object rushing toward them. It stopped in an instant, but continued to spin. The 7 witnesses threw themselves flat on the ground.

There were no sparks or smoke, but there was a whistling sound, and nearby olive trees bowed under the blast.

The object, which was an earthy color, was less than a yard across, and looked like 2 plates placed together, convex sides facing outwards. Suddenly the UFO turned and sped away.

Comment

These 4 reports have many features and effects that are found in cases reported from other parts of the world. Some of them could well contain evidence in support of the "projection" ideas which I outlined in a recent column in *UFO Report* (Winter/74). Particularly so in the case of Maximiliano Iglesias. His report, when read in the original version, has a weird, dreamlike quality. Was his truck stopped by an invisible force from a real object (or objects), which then pumped images into his mind? Images so vivid that he bolted across the fields, and grovelled in the mud to escape his pursuers? It will take a lifetime of study and research before we know the answer to that one—if ever.

There is plenty of evidence of automobile engines being stopped by the near presence of UFOs, and I know that auto chases have been reported in the U.S. during the past year. How about this remarkable claim regarding an "auto-stop" incident in Australia . . .

Auto-chase For Mrs. Puddy

Mrs. Maureen Puddy, of Rye, Victoria, Australia, a 27-year-old mother of 2, had a couple of alarming experiences on July 5th and July 25, 1972.

The incidents first came to light in the *Australian Post* of Aug. 24, 1972, and *FSR* is indebted to Mrs. Judith Magee of the Victorian UFO Research Society for reporting the results of the society's further investigation to us.

Mrs. Puddy is a down-to-earth woman. At the time of July 5th incident she had been visiting her little son who was in Heidelberg which is the north of Melbourne. On the way home, driving along the Mooraduc Road between Frankston and Dromara, she became aware of a bright blue light all around her. She stopped her car and got out. To her surprise she saw a huge object like 2 great saucers, one inverted on top of the other, hovering above. It radiated blue light, and there was a slight hum, nothing more: no sign of windows, portholes, seams, welds, or nuts and bolts.

The object was so large that at a height of 2 telegraph poles it completely overlapped the 24-foot wide highway, and the grass shoulders as well. Mrs. Puddy says her surprise turned to fear, and she jumped into the car and drove away. She was terrified when she realized that the UFO was main-

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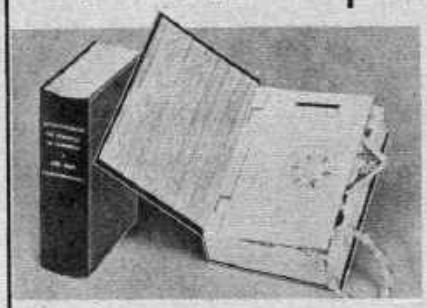

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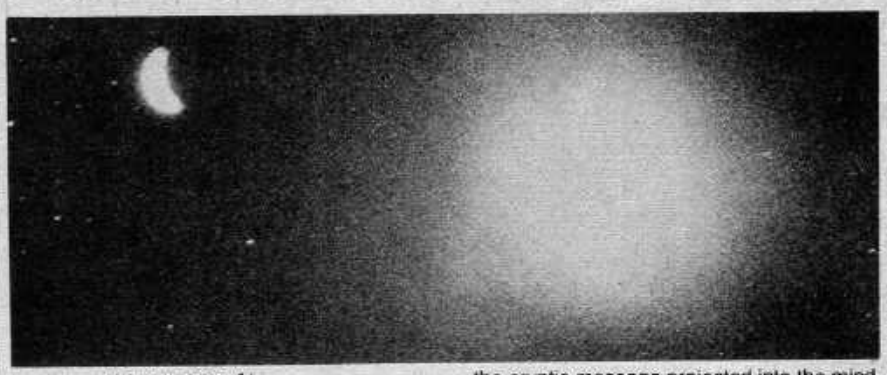

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taining its position above her. The nightmare continued for about 8 miles as Mrs. Puddy drove frantically. Then, suddenly, it was all over, and her last glimpse of the object was of it streaking away.

She went straight to the police and made a report. When she told friends and relatives, they all laughed at, or humored her, so thereafter she kept silent.

Auto-stop for Mrs. Puddy

Mrs. Puddy says it happened all over again on July 25th—with a difference. At the same place, when returning from a similar visit, she muttered "Oh hell! Not again," as the blue light appeared. However, when she tried to accelerate this time, the car did not respond. Instead, the engine stopped, and the car swung, as though directed beyond her control, until it came to a halt on the grass shoulder. She sat, leaning forward on the steering wheel, and in this position she could see part of the blue rim of the UFO.

She had a claustrophobic sensation, and then she got the "message," as if from a voice "in her mind," which said: "All your tests will be negative."

Then: "Tell media, do not panic, we mean no harm."

Again, moments later: "You now have control."

After this last statement, the car restarted (whether of its own accord, or due to Mrs. Puddy is not clear), and she drove off to the police station as quickly as possible. The police saw her shaky condition, and alerted the Royal Australian Air Force.

Mrs. Puddy states that she cannot begin to know what was meant by the "messages"—other than the final one, which seemed obvious. However, she had an idea that the word "media" had something to do with broadcasting and newspapers.

More Comment

As with our 4 Spanish examples, the case of Mrs. Puddy is the same: an automobile chase; of vehicle stoppage; of the double "saucer," or "soup plate" configuration; and the cryptic message projected into the mind. Perhaps not only the messages, but also the events, from beginning to end, were implanted in the witnesses' minds. One thing I feel fairly certain about is that the Spanish witnesses knew nothing of Mrs. Puddy's experiences, which did not receive publicity.

UFO Over The English Midlands

It is 7 years since there was a sizeable wave of UFO reports in Britain. Possibly people do have experiences, but, in view of the prevailing attitude of the authorities and the news media, they keep quiet about them.

News of one sighting did leak out, however: the wife of the witness telephoned a local newspaper to ask if any other people had reported the incident. A garbled version of the story appeared, and was followed up by our correspondent G. Geldard.

It all started when John Spencer, who works at the Dunlop Rubber Plant near Birmingham, left for work in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 126, 1973. At 5 a.m. he left home, and was driving roughly due west from his home at Baddesley Ensor in Warwickshire.

The morning was very dark and Spencer was driving at about 40 miles per hour when he became aware of a bright light far off to his right. Whatever it was, it appeared to be on a course that would bring it down on the road ahead of him, and he slowed down apprehensively. The UFO seemed to flatten out its trajectory and passed over the road about 200 yards ahead of him at treetop level.

The UFO had an oval shape, clearly visible to Spencer, and it was of a vivid orange color, with a glow around it.

The UFO passed over the road and continued on its course to the southwest, and Spencer watched it until it was out of sight behind some rolling hills. The observation lasted about 4 minutes, and no other vehicle was in sight during the entire time. The driver felt no unusual reaction during the incident, but perhaps he was not close enough to experience "auto-stop" or anything else. ★

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UFO BOOK SCAN

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Unlike the rash of books recently published about that stretch of Atlantic Ocean variously called "The Devil's Triangle," "The Triangle of Death," "The Hoodoo Sea," and "The Graveyard of the Atlantic," **The Bermuda Triangle** by Charles Berlitz with J. Manson Valentine (Doubleday, $7.95), offers fresh research and investigation that separates it from those rehash jobs whose only reason for existence seems to be to cash in on the public's apparently unquenchable yen for material on this mysterious zone off the Florida coast. Berlitz (who also wrote **The Mystery of Atlantis**) takes a look at this ominous parcel of ocean—where, since 1945, more than 100 ships and planes have literally vanished, with the loss of more than 1,000 lives, and without a single body or piece of wreckage from the missing planes or ships ever being found—and comes up with some truly startling *new* evidence and facts. Although he reviews the famous case of Flight 19—the oft-reported loss of five TBM Navy Avenger bombers that literally vanished on a training flight out of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on December 5, 1945 (plus the disappearance of the PBM Martin Mariner rescue plane which was sent out to search for the missing flight on the same day)—Berlitz introduces a few never-before-revealed details about this strange episode that are truly frightening. For instance: Although Flight 19 took off with five officer-pilots and nine enlisted crew members, one short of the usual member (a Marine corporal had been relieved of flight duty at the last moment by a base surgeon), "a report from the flight line, however, indicated that the planes had gone out with *full complements, as if someone else had climbed aboard at the last minute*" (italics added for emphasis). Hourly musters at the base showed no additional personnel were unaccounted for, so we now have one more mysterious element added to this unsolved mass disappearance—*who was that fifteenth person*? Berlitz also offers this intriguing and refreshingly honest quote from a Coast Guard officer, a member of the official Board of Inquiry convened to investigate the lost flight: "We don't know what the hell is going on out there." The author then relates the most recent revelation, as uncovered by Art Ford (reporter, author, and lecturer) who stated that Flight 19's leader, Lt. Charles Taylor, said over his radio: "Don't come after me . . . *they look like they are from outer space*" (italics added for emphasis). A real mind blower, to say the least.

Berlitz reviews the possible explanations for the host of disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle—violent ocean currents, the unusual "blue holes" throughout the Bahama Islands with their vicious rip tides, tidal waves and *tsunamis*, waterspouts, clear air turbulence, the unsuspected influence from lost civilizations, electronic and magnetic anomalies, time space warps—and, most fascinating, intervention by extraterrestrial forces.

In discussing UFOs and the concentration of sightings in the Triangle and in the area off the coast of Florida and around Cape Kennedy, there is an intriguing interview with Dr. Manson Valentine, who acknowledges that much of the information at his disposal is a result of conversations he had with M. K. Jessup. (Dr. Jessup, a veteran writer on UFOs who had considerable scientific background [being an astronomer and a specialized selenographer—expert on the moon], died under puzzling circumstances in Miami, Fla., on April 29, 1959, but before his untimely demise expressed the opinion that controlled magnetism could produce invisibility and that this extension of Einstein's "unified field theory" was the key both to the sudden appearance and disappearance of UFOs and the disappearance of ships and planes.) In the question-and-answer format we are treated to such startling observations as:

"Did Dr. Jessup think there was a connection between UFOs and the Bermuda Triangle?

"He had a theory that the power of magnetic fields could transform and transport matter from one dimension to another . . . That UFOs could come into our dimension and get out again taking human or other samples with them. He further thought that some of the accidents were caused by the UFOs' cathode rays creating a vacuum which disintegrated planes when they entered this field . . . The UFOs, whatever they are, seem to create a temporary magnetic vortex, an ionization pattern that can cause ships and planes to disintegrate or disappear.

"Why do you think there is such a concentration of (UFO) *incidents in the Triangle?*

"I believe it is possible that the intelligent beings which direct the UFOs are not only taking samples, checking our scientific progress, as evinced by their interest in Cape Kennedy and our space probes, but are returning to what may have been the location of ancient sacred sites, perhaps energy centers or power stations that are now covered by the sea. We have in recent years discovered, near Bimini and other places in the Bahamas, great building complexes on the sea bottom, an indication that a high state of civilization existed here many thousands of years ago. It is more than curious that so many incidents happen in this area and so many UFOs are seen not only in the sky but entering and leaving the ocean."

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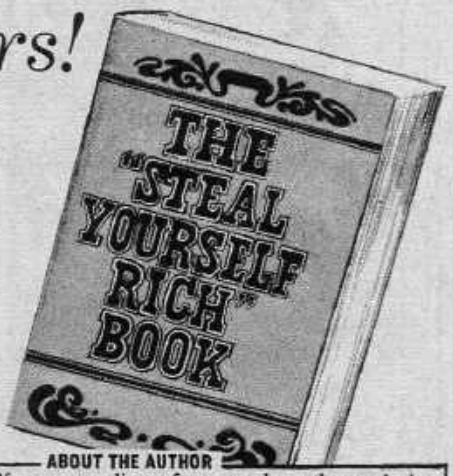

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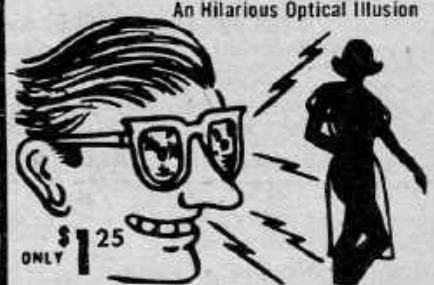

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Erich von Daniken had no idea of the Pandora's Box he would open after he completed **Chariots Of The Gods?** Not only did he collect the many archeaological puzzles that lie scattered around the Earth and link them to extraterrestrials, he opened up a gold mine for authors that followed in his footsteps. **Not Of This World** by Peter Kolosimo is just one of the entries of Son Of Chariots . . . and, of course, it is published by Bantam Books for $1.25 who also peddle the von Daniken series. Kolosimo, who also wrote **Timeless Earth,** has gathered an enormous amount of material for his book. In fact, that is one shortcoming I found—he glosses over subjects that demand more attention but there are just so many anomalies on Earth they would fill an eyclcopedia, so perhaps it's just this reviewers' thirst for additional information that is at fault.

Starting with a mystery that has stumped scientists for years, Kolosimo opens his book with an incident entitled "Who Shot the Dinosaurs?" But before this, he teases the reader with the case of Mr. Zebra, who along with this girlfriend from outer space, travels around the world playing practical jokes on unsuspecting archaeologists. Kolosimo dismisses Mr. Zebra and then takes us into the very real world of archaeological mysteries that have baffled scientists for centuries.

The bullet hole found in a bison skull is just one of them. Found in Russia, the skull rests in the Museum of Paleontology in Moscow. Though thousands of years old, it has a bullet hole in it that couldn't possibly been made by modern man. Kolosimo feels it is proof of a landing on Earth made by explorers from outer space. A bit fanciful? A noted Russian scientist concurred with the author when he said: "Siberia [where the skull was discovered] and many other regions of the world are perhaps huge museums containing evidence of cosmic encounters."

From the wilds of Siberia, Kolosimo takes us to the "wilds" of contactee George Adamski. Quoting extensively from Adamski's works, the author shows just how ridiculous the contactee's claims really are. In fact, he considers them the worst possible proof that UFOs exist simply because Adamski's statements are so "far out." He then writes that there is enough real evidence that will provide a sensational picture that UFOs visited our planet in the past and are continuing to do so. And he buries Adamski in a mountain of evidence.

The Bible has always been a favorite source of UFO writers and Kolosimo is no exception. One portion of the book examines the prophet Elijah. "And they travelled on talking together," the Old Testament says, referring to the prophet and his disciple Elisha, "behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Sounds like UFOs, doesn't it? Continuing in this line of reasoning, the author travels to historical sources from the Amazon, China, and Tibet (in the **Book of the Dead**), that show that at one time the Earth was shaken by an interplanetary war! Outrageous? Hardly, as articulately stated by noted anthropologist R. Lodge who wrote: "But it seems inadmissable to me that such primitive natives [referring to Amazonians] . . . could have acquired such a detailed knowledge of the Old Testament," because their legends tell of warriors performing the same miracles Elijah did in the Bible! Then there are references to "shining shells that fly" in Mongolian Chinese, Japanese, and Indian legends. Are they all "chariots of the gods"?

In the next chapter, the author delves more deeply into the aforementioned legends, concentrating on ancient Indian books where battles between aerial "navies" were described. What is even more fascinating than these aerial encounters by warring unonauts are the descriptions of modern-day explorers who have found strange ruins in the jungles of India that resemble the aftermath of those battles!

Besides the ruins of the space wars the actual bodies of the ufonauts have been found around the world. Recounting the tale of an adventurer in Manchuria, we learn of 12 bodies of tiny humanoids that are preserved in a temple including the silver-headed corpse of a "high lord from the stars." Also described and recounted are the tiny men and legends around the world which include spacemen found by Charles Fort in Scotland, the white woman of Hoggar that wore a suit similar to a modern-day pressurized suit found in the Sahara, rock carvings of "ancient astronauts" found in Australia, and so on.

But are these legends from the past believable? Here Kolosimo takes a step back to examine these ancient tales and the next chapter is devoted to modern "sightings" from ancient Rome (both Cicero and Pliny the Elder saw UFOs), to the Middle Ages when in 776 "flying shields" aided the Anglo Saxons in battle, to the time in the Dark Ages when people were burned because they had been given messages from space beings, to the present era.

The rest of the book discusses many other archaeological mysteries orthodox scientists would like to wish away. The puzzles of the Antarctic region and the possibility it is an extraterrestrial island. The traditions of Canadian Indians and how they are linked to space men. The mystery mounds of America's heartland. Mysterious sounds that are heard in England, Scotland, Ireland, the U.S., Haiti, Japan, India, and Australia that are thought to be the rumblings of UFOs moving underground. UFOs underseas (which were well-covered by the late Ivan Sanderson in his book **Invisible Residents**), the ubiquitous Bermuda Triangle, the Tasmanian Globster, covered by UFO Report in 1972. Atlantis. Mu. Stonehenge. Monoliths on the Moon.

Does it all begin to sound a little familiar? Well, it is, but Peter Kolosimo has done a good job in gathering all the material. His writing is adequate, and there is a touch of H.P. Lovecraft sprinkled about for spice (the book definitely needs it).

If you haven't read **Chariots of the Gods?** this is a good substitute if your local bookdealer has run out of von Daniken's "mother lode." ★ THE END

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UFO Report Pierces the Veil of Secrecy Surrounding the Most Incredible Flying Saucer Contact of the Decade!

THE BEHIND-THE-HEADLINES STORY OF THE PASCAGOULA UFO KIDNAP

BY WARREN SMITH

Like terrifying monsters from the dark side of the universe, a trio of weird UFO creatures zoomed out of the skies last fall and onto the front pages of the nation's newspapers. As two frightened men watched in terror, a UFO landed along the cluttered banks of the Pascagoula River in Mississippi. Like a scene from a science fiction movie, the two fishermen were grabbed by three creatures and pulled aboard the craft. Inside the strange ship, the men were subjected to a strange medical examination that completely defies earthly understanding.

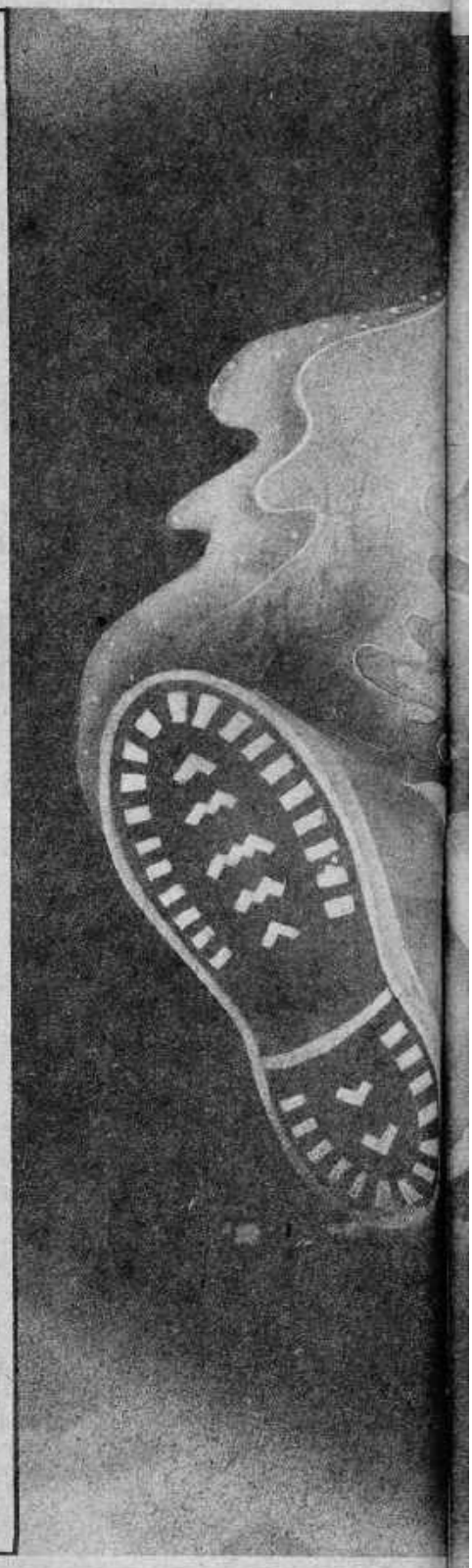
As UFO enthusiasts know, the Pascagoula incident was the highlight of the current wave of saucer sightings in the U.S. that became a worldwide sensation. The entire scenario was like a flashback from the frenetic days of saucer sightings in the mid-1960s. Every night seemed to hold a thousand saucers, and as people read about the rash of reports they discussed the origin of UFOs, the intent of the occupants, and their possible reasons for being here.

One person remaining totally silent was Edward Condon, the scientist who headed the controversial government-sponsored Colorado University invesitgation that declared UFOs —let alone their occupants— did not exist. Condon's report was again made a mockery of by the Pascagoula contact. Once more thousands of people began calling for an unbiased look at the mystery.

The incident started on the calm, balmy evening of October 11th in the quiet, pleasant community of Pascagoula, Miss. Charles Hickson, 45 years old, and Calvin Parker, 19, decided to test their fishing skills along the banks of the Pascagoula River. They caught two flathead catfish near a grain elevator, then decided to move to a pier near an abandoned shipyard.

"I didn't think we would catch anything there," admitted Charles Hickson. "The tide wasn't right, but you never know about fishing."

Hickson, a soft-spoken Mississippian with a gentle Southern drawl, cast his line off the pier. A foreman in the Walker & Sons shipyards for over a year, he has a



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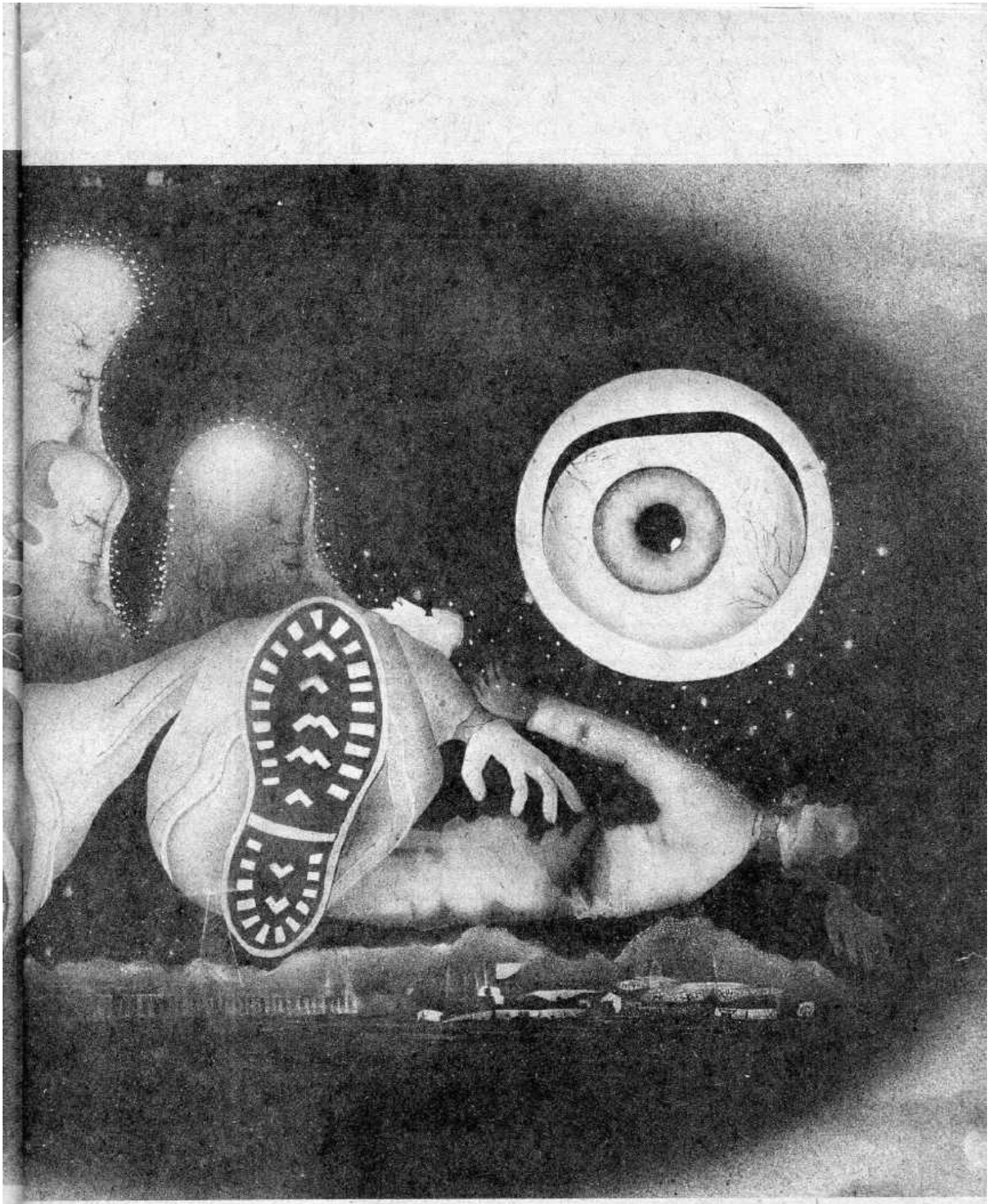
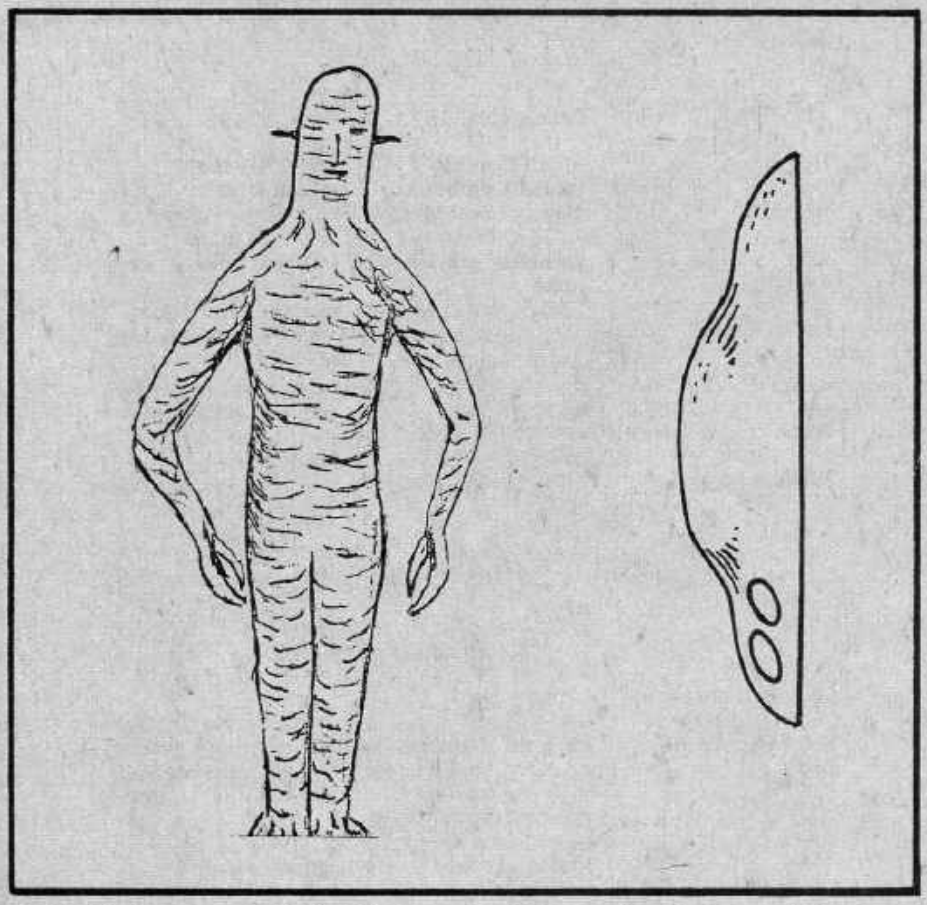
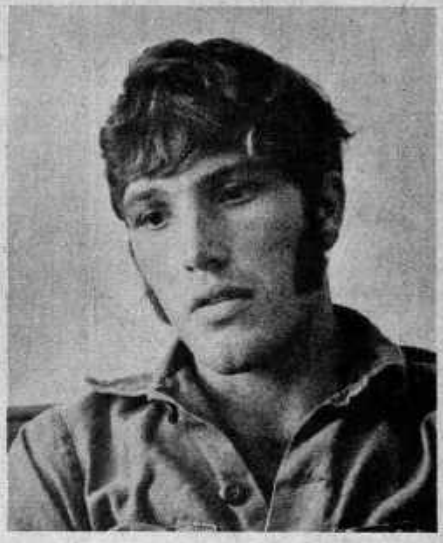
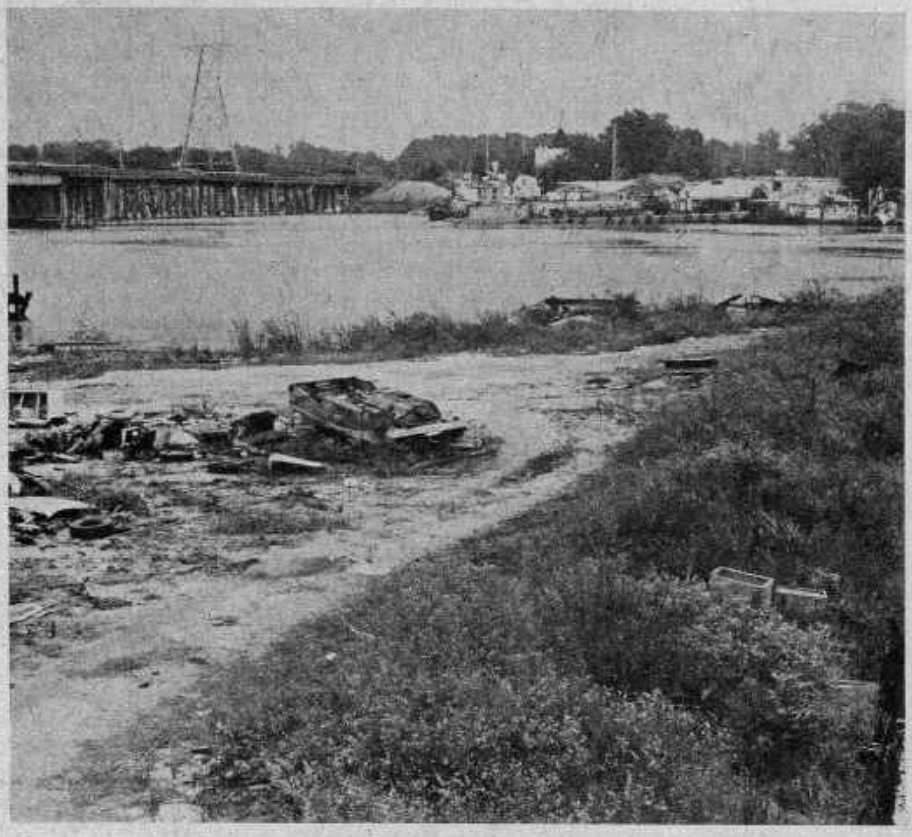






Calvin Parker, 19, and Charles Hickson, 45, of Pascagoula, Miss., were fishing from the iron pier below in the Mississippi River when a bluish-gray flying saucer landed in the clearing and three five-foot aliens took them aboard the craft and gave them a strange physical examination. Jim Flynt, yard superintendent at the F. B. Walker & Sons Shipyard where the two men work, drew a rough sketch of an alien as the two men described it.



well-earned reputation for honesty. As he watched his fishing line in the river, Hickson looked forward to a night of relaxation.

Hickson's companion was Calvin Parker, a family friend from their home town of Tucker's Crossing in Jones County, Miss. A handsome youth with an angular face and heavy sideburns, Parker had obtained a job at Walker's shipyard a few weeks before the incident.

It didn't take the two men long to settle down on the pier and begin casting. Trying to reach out a little farther, Charles Hickson's line became snagged, so he reeled in and turned to get more bait. At that precise moment, a strange noise shrilled through the night air.

"It sounded like a zipping sound," Hickson said, "a zipping that was long and drawn out."

The startled men turned to see a luminous, saucer-shaped craft landing about 40 feet from the pier. Blue-gray in color, the egg-shaped craft emitted a whirring noise. It stopped and hovered about a foot above the ground. The strange device hung suspended in mid-air, amid a clutter of abandoned cars, junked appliances, and litter. The saucer was described as about eight feet across and eight to eight and one half feet high. There were two portholes across one

Investigating the Pascagoula incident, I became intrigued by the bizarre description of the "beings" as robot creatures. A check reveals that Dr. James Harder worked on a UFO case in California some years ago that included reports of a robot. A California hunter was chased up a tree by small beings from a UFO, then attacked by a robot-like creature during a long and frightening night. The victim was fortunate in making his escape by morning.

"Crab-like claws" on a UFO creature were also reported at the classic Flatwoods, W. Va., case in 1952. Noticing a strange object land on a hillside, Mrs. Kathleen May and a group of excited children went to investigate. They encountered a "monster" with "terrible claws" and "wrinkled folds of clothing."

Dr. James Harder is associated with Coral and Jim Lorenzen's A.P.R.O. (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.) A Peruvian representative of A.P.R.O. forwarded a report on a sighting near Lima in 1949. A table of the Pascagoula and Lima sightings has developed several intriguing similarities.

	Pascagoula, 1973	Peru, 1949
Height	about five feet	about five feet
Legs	joined together	joined together
Hands	claws or pinchers	four fingers joined; a separate thumb
Skin	wrinkled, grayish	strange "towely" skin
Clothing	none	none
Sex	unable to distinguish	unable to distinguish
Locomotion	glided instead of walk	slid along the ground
Ears	sharp, pointed	none
Eyes	narrow slits	plastic, jelly-like
Feet	elephant-like	like bandaged feet
Nose	sharp, like a nose covered with nylon	none
Earth language	no communication	spoke English and Spanish; sound emitted through bodies.
Their language	buzzing sound	static on a radio
General appearance	robots	looked like mummies
Description of Spacecraft		
Color and shape	bluish gray; egg-shaped	light gray; perfect disc
Landing pattern	hovered above ground	hovered above ground
Doors	opening, no doors or material movement, strange entrance way	no door, opening just appeared in the craft
Size	eight feet wide; eight to 8½ feet high	11 feet wide by eight feet high
Furnishings	none	none: ledge running around outside walls
Instruments	none	none
Contact method	abduction	"voluntarily" entered craft

side, and an absence of seams or rivets. "There was a luminous glow to it," Hickson and Parker reported. "There were oscillating lights and the whirring noise."

The two astonished fishermen forgot their equipment and stared with dumbfounded amazement at the UFO. Their hearts pounded with fear as three bizarre creatures came floating out of the ship. "They came at us in a gliding motion," Hickson said. "They came right out of the ship, although I didn't see a door open. When they came at us I was so scared I couldn't believe anything like that was actually happening."

The creatures were pale, slightly fuzzy, and ghost-like in appearance.

By any standards, the UFO occupants were a bizarre trio of outer space beings. They didn't wear clothing and their grayish skin hung down in wrinkled folds around them. "Their coloring ranged from a pale flesh to a light gray," Hickson said. "They were about five feet tall. Their feet were very unusual because they were sort of rounded, like an elephant's foot. There was a marked absence of anything that looked like eyes. They had a narrow slit where the eyes should have been. I couldn't see if they had a pupil. Their noses were very sharp and pronounced, an object that came out like a nose. But it wasn't the usual type of nose that we find on humans."

(During his ordeal aboard the ship, estimated to have lasted from 20 to 40 minutes, Hickson observed the creatures despite his terror. "There was an opening under the nose but it didn't look like a mouth," he stated. "It was more of a slit. There were no lips as we know them.")

The creatures seemingly floated across the space between the ship and the pier. They were upon Hickson and Parker before the two men could sneak out of their trance-like state and escape. Two creatures grabbed Hickson by the arms, and carried him toward the ship. "They were upon us before I knew it," Calvin Parker recalled with a shudder. "I don't know why I didn't jump into the river when I first saw them. I fainted as soon as they touched me."

"The two things took me by the arms. I seemed to become weightless," said Hickson. "They held my arms and carried me toward the ship. Looking back, I think there may have been some kind of force used to keep us immobile until they grabbed us."

Hickson retained consciousness, admitting he was "absolutely and completely scared to death." Inside the ship, the two men were separated. Parker remained unconscious throughout the entire episode. He has only a vague memory of the incident. Investigators feel he was given a medical examination like Hickson, and this seems to be the apparent reason for their abduction.

Hickson found himself paralyzed and only able to move his eyes. He was laid down in a reclining position inside the saucer in midair. He reported there was nothing to support his body, yet he remained in that position. Hickson's examination occurred in a room estimated to be 10 feet square with grayish walls, no seams, and with no furnishings or instrumentation.

"The two creatures remained with me," Hickson related. "There was a large, optical-like device that came out of the wall. It floated in midair. I couldn't see any attachments or lines to this thing. It looked like a big eye." Hickson estimated the "eye" was about the size of a basketball.

Hickson reported there was no pain involved in the examination. "I didn't have any feelings after I got inside the craft," he stated. "I was helpless, almost paralyzed but I could still move my eyes. The instrument floated back and forth near my body . . . I just seemed to float in midair without touching the floor. The two creatures moved me around in various positions and the eye continued to scan my body." *(Continued on page 80)*

Still buried in secret Pentagon files

THE UFO THAT LANDED AT MITCHEL AIR FORCE BASE

An exclusive report—by an airman who was an eyewitness—of a flying saucer that touched down in the heart of a U.S. military installation

By Robert D. Barry

Unidentified flying objects have caused the U.S. Air Force many problems over the years which have ranged from a confused citizenry to accusations of withholding information from the public. The Department of Defense issued a statement on Oct. 25, 1955 stating that as the result of investigations begun by the Air Force in 1947, "No evidence of the existence of the popularly-termed 'flying saucers' was found."

Following further study of those fantastic maneuvering aerial objects, the Department of Defense again whitewashed UFOs from the sky when, on Nov. 5, 1957, they said: "...no evidence has been discovered to confirm the existence of so-called 'Flying Saucers.' " The same old story continued to flow out of Washington and this time it came on Jan. 29, 1960. The Department of Defense said after "13 years of investigation and evaluating unidentified flying objects, the U.S. Air Force has found no evidence to confirm the existence of the popularly termed 'flying saucers' as interplanetary or interstellar spaceships."

To this day the statements remain the same. It all seemed like a rehash of old news releases when I received a letter from the Department of the Air Force in Washington which informed me that "no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security."

The song and dance routine continued when the letter stated "there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' are extraterrestrial vehicles." The letter was signed by Lt. Col. John T. Halbert, U.S.A.F., Chief, Civil Branch, Community Relations Division, Office of Information.

Seems to me I've heard that song before and perhaps rightly so!

A special scientific panel was convened by the Central Intelligence Agency in 1953 to "evaluate any possible threat to national security posed by Unidentified Flying Objects and to make recommendations thereon." The late Dr. H. P. Robertson was chairman.

The panel concluded that UFOs posed no threat to the U.S. and as a result recommended that "the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of their special status..." One method was that of "a broad educational program" with two major aims: "training and 'debunking.' "

The report went on to say "The 'debunking' aim would result in reduction in public interest in 'flying saucers'... This education could be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles. Basis of such education would be actual case histories which had been puzzling at first but later explained." Recalling the numerous press releases and articles published by the U.S.A.F. on this subject, we can easily see the panel's recommendation was followed. We should reach the conclusion that since 1947, no evidence exists to confirm the visitation of interplanetary spaceships to Earth.

However, we must remember there have been thousands upon thousands of UFO reports since 1947 in the U.S. alone and it is very possible some of these sighting reports never reached the UFO investigative team of the Air Force. One such case could well be that of a former Air Force man who saw a UFO land at an Air Force base!

Mitchel Air Force Base, N.Y., served as a military post for the U.S. in all major conflicts from the Revolutionary War until its closing in 1961. Covering more than 1,000 acres, the base was originally named Mitchel Field in 1918 after Maj. John P. Mitchel, a WWI pilot and former mayor of New York City. It is located near Hempstead, Long Island.

A number of major events occurred there over the years beginning with the first transcontinental air mail flight which took off from Mitchel Field in 1924. The famed American flier James H. Doolittle gave the first public demonstration of "blind flying" at the field in 1929. Long Island Univ. founded Mitchel College, the only college on a military post in 1957.

Another major event occurred just one year earlier when a spacecraft landed at Mitchel Air Force Base. This event, of course, is not listed in their archives.

This amazing incident came to light during the fall of 1973 when I was conducting a UFO conference in New Jersey. It was then I met Guy DeLaunay, age 43. He kept his hair-raising incident to himself with the exception of a few close relatives. As a result of attending our UFO conference, he decided to approach me after one of my meetings and tell all.

Guy is a native of France and he came to the U.S. in January, 1955. He joined the Air Force in February of the same year. He served for nearly four years and was discharged in December 1958. It was the winter of 1956 that Guy DeLaunay was stationed at Mitchel Air Force Base and was involved with automatic data processing.

Guy, along with other Air Force personnel, reported for a normal night work session. It was about 11:30 p.m. when Guy and another airman left the office to get coffee and sandwiches for the office crew.

It was a cold winter night and an earlier snow covered the ground. The men were heading for a diner just outside the base. As the two men approached the parking lot to get into their car, they saw something very strange.

A portion of the airfield was located several hundred yards from their office building. Above the field they witnessed "some globes...small globes...perhaps a dozen" of them. These globes, or saucer-shaped objects, were moving around in a circular pattern. They remained in "the same area...in one corner of the landing field." The two watched in amazement for a few moments. Realizing there was something above the field that shouldn't be there, the men ran to the office building and alerted their friends.

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All work stopped and the entire crew of nearly 15 men hustled to the parking lot to see what was going on. A completely startled crew of airmen watched the disc-shaped objects perform in a circle over the field. The seconds became minutes and the phenomena in the sky simply refused to end. No sound was detected and the lights were not blinking.

Running to the nearest telephone, contact was made with the Base Operations Office and confirmation was given that they too had been watching the objects and that the mysterious globes were being tracked on the base radar scope. Discussions were going on at Base Operations as to the course of action to be taken. The decision was made. Orders went out to get a pair of jet interceptors ready and on the runway.

Shortly afterwards, the first interceptor roared into the air. Moments later, the second plane was airborne. The office crew watched and wondered what the next move would be. And then it happened.

With the fighter planes in pursuit, the unidentified flying objects "disappeared in the sky." It was as if someone had flipped a switch and the circling globes vanished. The moment that happened, the mystery objects also disappeared from the radar scope. The pilots failed to see any of the mystery craft and they returned and filed their report. The entire incident lasted about 10 minutes.

The men returned to the office and their work and DeLaunay and his buddy got into the car and headed for the diner. Needless to say, the entire group had a spirited discussion about the entire incident over coffee and sandwiches.

What were those strange objects? Why were they flying in a circular pattern over Mitchel Air Force Base? How did the objects simply vanish before their very eyes? There were too many questions—and there were no answers! The airmen returned to their respective assignments after the discussion, somewhat puzzled by the entire episode. But the incident wasn't over yet.

Later, DeLaunay was approached by one of his co-workers who suggested that the two "go out around the base" and do a little sky watching in hopes of seeing the UFOs again. Guy liked the idea. They grabbed their coats and headed for the parking lot and DeLaunay's car. The crunch of the fresh-fallen snow was the only sound heard as they hurried along. The time was 12:40 a.m.

In a few moments, the sound of the car motor broke the silence and Guy DeLaunay and friend were on their way to an experience very few men have had.

During the first few minutes of their trip around the field, the two men discussed the evening's events. As they talked, they occasionally looked skyward in hopes of seeing the strange objects again.

The two were nearing an area where some of the aircraft hangars were located. It was at this point they decided to pull off the road and watch the sky. Everything seemed motionless and hushed in an unusual sort of way. It was too quiet for comfort on this cold, winter night.

Guy and his friend waited and watched. It was about one a.m. when they suddenly noticed something. As they watched in silence, they saw "what we assumed to be a military man walking on the field." He was approaching the area of one of the hangars. Behind this particular hangar was "an old plane" on the ground that was used for conducting fire drills with some of the base airmen.

DeLaunay's car was parked about 150 to 200 feet away from the hangar, and just beyond the structure was the old plane. Suddenly, a glow lit up the area and, to the astonishment of Guy DeLaunay and friend, they saw, *on the ground* near the fire-drill plane, "a ship that had been there evidently for a while."

The saucer-shaped object continued to increase in brilliance. As they watched, DeLaunay said the landed craft "changed different colors." Then, the UFO began to lift very slowly and gracefully. Guy said that "we didn't hear any particular sound" as the ship ascended. After reaching a height of "maybe 50 feet off the ground," the object hovered momentarily. Then it shot skyward and was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

What about the "man" DeLaunay and his friend saw? Was he associated with the landed craft? Could he have been a humanoid returning to the ship after some sort of reconnaissance? What powered the UFO as it silently ascended? Was the glow and the color change related to its power source? Why was the craft there? How long had it been there? Could the circling objects, seen earlier in the night, actually have been a decoy that permitted the craft to come in and land undetected by radar? Unfortunately, these are questions we simply do not have the answers to.

According to DeLaunay, Base Operations informed the men that they weren't going to release any information about the circling objects and, as usual, "we were told to be quiet." I often wonder how many times military personnel have been told to remain silent about anything they witnessed in so far as unidentified flying objects are concerned. It's a thought to ponder...

But the story doesn't end there. Guy DeLaunay was scheduled for a 30-day furlough during the summer of 1956. He wanted to return to his native country where he could spend time with his family and friends. It was July 1956 when he was granted his leave.

A massive wave of UFO sightings started in France in 1954 and during a three-month period that year, dozens of reports were made every day and among them was a series of landing cases. The sightings continued through 1955 and the people of France were being treated to an unusual aerial show of UFO activity, in addition to landings and humanoid reports.

Then came 1956. Another tremendous UFO wave developed and the aerial sightings and landing reports continued to pour in from across France. Guy was now in his native land and enjoying his furlough.

One morning he decided on a short motorcycling trip through the countryside and a visit with an aunt. At about 11 p.m., after spending most of the afternoon and early evening with her, Guy started to return to his grandfather's home where he was staying. DeLaunay was about 30 miles from Auxerre which is in the central portion of France.

Cruising on his motorcycle along a straight portion of the road, Guy approached an intersection where he was to make a right turn. He was familiar with the area and knew it well but a strange feeling came over him when he saw what appeared to be the dim outline of something dark and very large, perhaps two or three stories high. His first reaction was that he "didn't see any building there that morning" when he passed the field.

Then the lights of his motorcycle caught something in the field near the edge of the road. Guy brought the cycle to a halt and

there, approximately four feet from him, *stood a man.* DeLaunay told me that this person was wearing "a tight suit . . .such as a skin diver's suit. I remember it was kind of gray-silverish" in color.

DeLaunay estimated the "being" to be approximately six-feet-tall. They looked at each other for what seemed to be around 15 seconds or so. No words were spoken. The humanoid did not move . . .it just looked at Guy. The ufonaut was slim, "his hands were down . . .alongside of his body. His appearance was absolutely human." Guy confirmed that the "being" had two eyes, a nose, and mouth, much the same as anyone on Earth.

At this point Guy became frightened and gunned the motorcycle toward the intersection where he made the right turn. Thinking quickly, he realized the humanoid made no move toward him and no attempt to restrain him. Guy stopped the cycle and was going to turn around and try to communicate with the "being from space."

At this point, he heard a faint humming sound come from the field behind him. As he looked back he saw what appeared to be the outline of "something big." Then the field suddenly became bathed in light and a glow showed the outline of "a huge ship. I estimated it to be at least 75 feet in diameter. The light kept glowing brighter, and as it was glowing, it changed color" much like the craft seen at Mitchel Air Force Base.

The craft was oval and as it continued to glow, Guy saw "what appeared to be portholes or windows on the upper part of the ship." He saw what he thought was some type of activity inside the ship and felt the UFO had a crew . . ."people . . .I assume it was someone human, like us."

As the craft increased in brilliance, "the portholes disappeared" and the craft began to ascend "very slowly . . .perhaps 50 to 100 feet straight up." DeLaunay said he could feel no heat from the object. "Suddenly it angled away from me and after a few seconds, shot right into the sky and disappeared." This also is similar to the incident at Mitchel.

As he pondered the sighting, Guy told me that he believed "it was someone from outer space and I believe that 'being' was of a friendly nature. His reason for being there that night, I have no idea. I thought about it many times. I believe that he knew I was coming" there and perhaps "was waiting for me or someone else." But the fact remains "he was there" when he approached by motorcycle and the "being" left when Guy left. It seemed as though the humanoid wasn't waiting for anyone else!

Guy DeLaunay impressed me as a sincere man. At this time, Guy is a student at a bible seminary in Pennsylvania where he is scheduled to graduate in 1975. When he is ordained a minister, he plans to return to France with his wife and children.

Those at the seminary I have spoken with describe Guy as a quiet but friendly person. His experience was never related to his fellow students or instructors. It was just too fantastic, and, like many others, he feared ridicule. Now that the truth is out, perhaps others with similar or even more fantastic experiences, will come forward and report them.

As for Guy's opinion of unidentified flying objects, DeLaunay told me he thinks "there is a relationship between the bible and UFOs." He also believes the occupants of the spaceships "are of a friendly nature. I personally believe they are of a Godly nature."

For the record, Guy has a listing of all those who witnessed the phenomena at Mitchel Air Force Base. It was such an amazing incident, he decided to list the names and addresses of each airman who, on that cold winter night in 1956, witnessed a most unusual event. He has the listing to this day.

There are other Guy DeLaunays as far as UFO landing cases are concerned. Since the mid-1950s, it has been estimated that several hundred cases of UFO landings have occurred in the U.S. and other countries around the world. These landings usually occur in isolated places and in a number of cases, the ground was burned and discovered to be highly radioactive following such incidents.

There have been a number of humanoid-type cases through the years where beings were seen through portholes of their craft while hovering or flying at a very low level. They have also been seen on the ground near their landed spaceships.

One such incident was the famous case of Police Sgt. Lonnie Zamora of Socorro, N.M., who, on Apr. 24, 1964, witnessed a landed "object about 15 feet long, white in color and resting on short, metal legs." This information is contained in the U.S. Air Force Academy's "Introductory Space Science" document dated Oct. 22, 1969.

The document goes on to say that standing beside the landed craft "were two humanoids dressed in silvery coveralls. They seemed to be working on a portion of the underside of the object." Suddenly the two space visitors noticed the police officer and dove out of sight around the craft. Zamora quickly retreated toward his patrol car. Within seconds the craft rose from the ground and disappeared over the nearby mountains.

There are too many similar cases that have occurred in the U.S., as well as in a number of other countries, particularly France, and Brazil.

It is interesting to note that the "Space Science" document, originally intended for the air cadets at Colorado Springs, Colo., devoted an entire chapter on the subject of unidentified flying objects. On page 461, we read the following: "The most stimulating theory for us is that the UFOs are material objects which are either 'Manned' or remote-controlled by beings who are alien to this planet." Following five more pages of documented material on the subject, we reach page 466 and the section titled "*Conclusion,*" where the cadets were told, "This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFOs." I would say this statement is pretty straight to the point.

The next page is even more revealing for here we are told that the "data suggests the existence of at least three and maybe four different groups of aliens (possibly at different stages of development)." It implies the existence of intelligent life on a planet in our solar system, or a surprisingly strong interest in Earth by members of other solar systems. How much more loud and clear can the message be?

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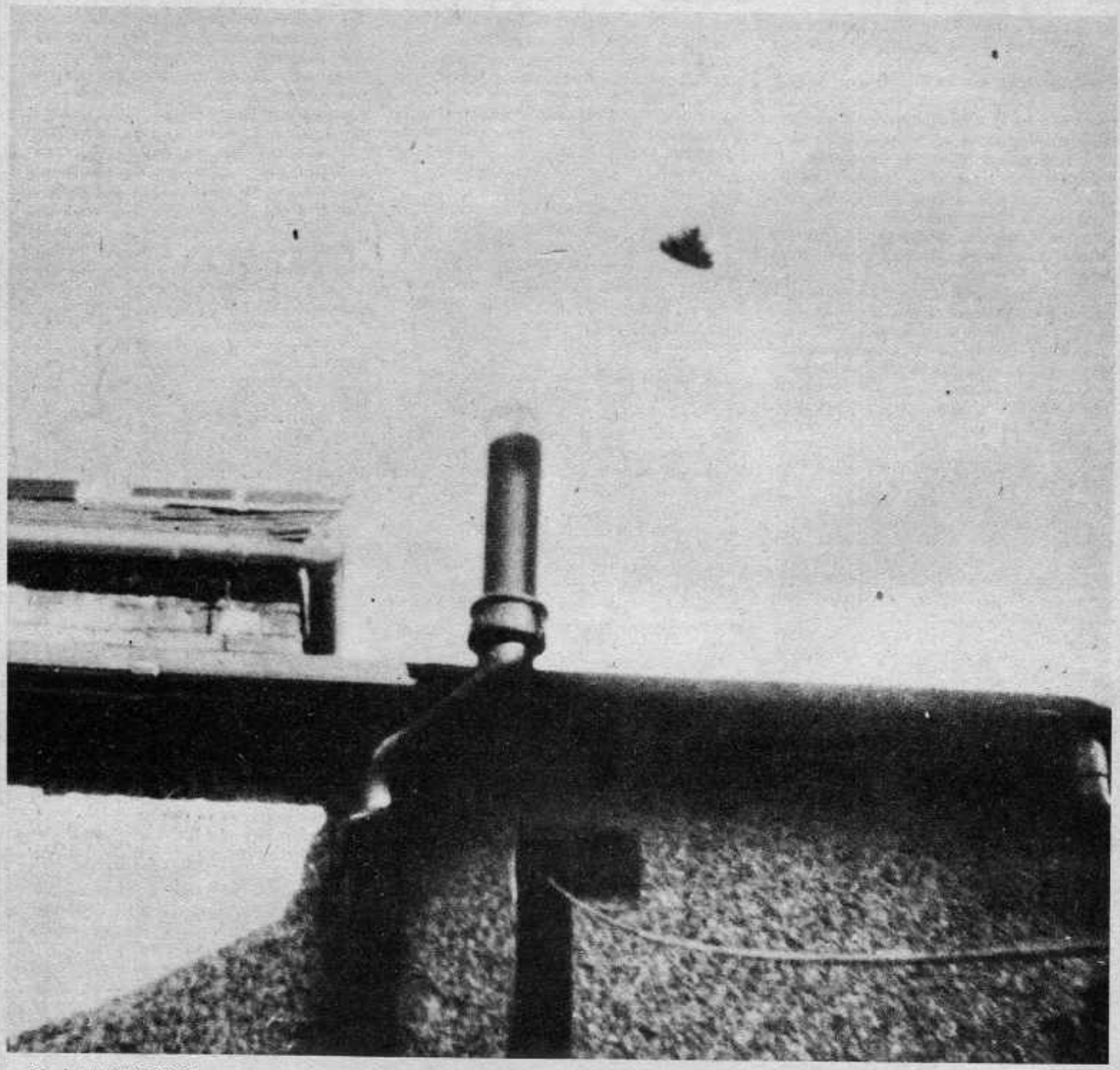


FLYING SAUCERS

By Arthur Shuttlewood as told to Timothy Green Beckley

On almost any clear night you can gaze up at the sky above Warminster, England, and become part of a mystery which has made this otherwise tranquil locale one of the strangest places on Earth.

As this is being written, on the average of two UFO reports are brought to my attention *every week*. As a result, over the last nine years, I have seen myself slowly change from that of a skeptical chief reporter and feature editor of the *Warminster Journal*—a highly respected newspaper—to an individual whose consciousness has expanded to encompass previously unimaginable areas.

During my on-the-spot studies I have come across ample evidence to prove that this community has been (and still is) playing host to an unprecedented armada of unexplainable aerial and ground level phenomena which include:

- Disturbing sounds that fill the air with a thunderous roar;
- Unexplained deaths of small animals and birds;
- Strange solid-looking craft that dematerialize in plain view of confused witnesses;
- Objects disappearing that belong to UFO observers; and
- Accounts of actual meetings with UFO-nauts.

The first inkling of anything "uncanny" about Warminster came at six a.m. on Christmas morning, 1964. At that time a middle-aged woman was forcibly tossed about and then thrown violently to the ground by an invisible shock wave which originated a short distance above her.

Weird crackling noises paralyzed Mrs. Marjorie Bye while she was on her way to services at Christ Church. Mrs. Bye told me later that as she walked along the cobblestone streets, a high-pitched hum began to fill the air. It sounded to her as if a jet plane was about to take off from an unseen runway several feet from where she stood riveted to the ground. As the noise grew progressively louder, a powerful force pulled her legs out from under her and toppled the crying woman to the pavement.

Shock waves of an unknown magnitude continued to pound at her head, neck, and shoulders that numbed her completely. Helpless, she was pinned down to the ground by fingers of sound that left her weak and jelly-legged, so that even when "it" passed she had great difficulty reaching the church.

At the precise moment of the strange attack upon Mrs. Bye, the stage was being set for Warminster's postmaster to undergo a similar horrifying experience.

Working late the previous night, Roger Rump did not expect such an early call on Christmas morning. This credible—and frightened—participant in the early stages of the Warminster UFO story told me he was jerked out of a sound sleep by a pounding on the roof of his home which is only a short distance from Christ Church.

"There was this terrific clatter," Mr. Rump told me, "as though the tiles on the roof were being rattled about and plucked off by some superhuman arm. This was followed by a scrambling sound, as if they were being hurriedly replaced." Roger Rump said that he then sat "bolt upright" in bed and listened carefully, noting that on top of all this noise, he could hear a loud humming drone.

He added that it seemed as though all the tiles were being roughly manhandled and jostled together before being thrust into their respective niches again. Upon inspection, none of the tiles were chipped or damaged and the roofing was intact.

A terrified Mildred Head, wife of an ex-policeman and once a seamstress at

Since 1964, the peaceful town of Warminster, England, has literally been overwhelmed by visits from unidentified flying objects. Does some strange vortex exist here which acts as a cosmic beacon, beckoning UFOs earthward?

Warminster Hospital, sat quiet and shaken as she told me how she was awakened at her home at 1:25 a.m. on Christmas morning. "Our ceiling came alive with strange sounds that lashed the roof," she said. "It was as if prickly holly bushes were being pulled across it, or like a cat sharpening its claws. It ended with a noise I can only describe as giant hailstones pelting down with all their might."

Most of these aerial "attacks"—there were about 20—took place in the southern sector of town, and were apparently responsible for the death of small creatures and birds who were collapsing without any apparent reason.

During this period, reports came in—sometimes as many as three or four a day—of dead mice found in the gardens of "affected" homes. Their bodies were covered with burn marks, and many holes perforated their skins.

During the first few months of 1965, household pets were adversely affected by the weird rooftop sounds. Dogs crawled into kennels, under tables or kitchen sinks, barking and whimpering, when homes were attacked by the unknown noises. Cats arched their backs, fur bristling, as they twisted and turned in rapid circles at the height of the bizarre aerial battering. Many pets in these affected houses were sick and cringed in corners. One woman from Westbury Road openly cried when she recalled her pet's ordeal. In an upstairs room her faithful cat "Budgie" lay stiff-legged in death after a roof bombardment. The shock had paralyzed it!

A flock of pigeons were killed in flight after tangling with the "Thing" (as our intruder came to be known). They came into fatal contact with deadly sound beams in the woods near Crockerton, in February 1965. Stiff-winged, they plummeted to the ground into a clearing on Longleat Estate belonging to the Marquis of Bath. Two witnesses judged that rigor mortis had set in instantaneously.

David Holton, a surgical chiropodist and naturalist, told me of another surprising development after having examined two stricken pheasants shortly after their death fall. The two birds were found on his estate by a man noted for his hunting ability. The shooting season was over and his wife was surprised to see him walk up the front steps of their large house, carrying a brace of lifeless game birds. He was unarmed and she knew he had not shot them. His wife, a local councilor, told me he had stumbled upon the dead birds in a thicket on their spacious estate. She wondered if they had been bludgeoned to a mangled mass of rigid limbs and fluttering feathers by jet aircraft crashing the sound barrier. David Holton told me he thought the birds were killed by sound waves of an intensity Earth creatures were not accustomed to.

Following the initial "attack" of Warminster's "aerial turbulence," my office phone was kept busy by dazed residents who were observing all types of craft in

the sky. "Flying trains" and "railway coaches" with glowing windows were said to be hurtling about in space.

In late May and early June of 1965, I was still laughing at such reports and rejecting them as too ridiculous and farfetched for publication in the *Warminster Journal*.

My skepticism had its first big challenge when similar sightings started cropping up in the neighboring counties of Weston, Siper Mare, and Cheltenham.

As far as I am concerned, the initial breakthrough came with the testimony of Kathleen Penton of Warminster on June 19th. She told about her sighting while seated in front of my desk. "It was a fantastic spectacle—so much so that my husband and daughter thought I was going crazy when I told them about it later. I was opening an upstairs window, as it was a stuffy night, when I saw this shining craft going along sideways in the sky from right to left. It glided quite slowly in front of a line of trees. Porthole-type windows ran along the whole length of the ship, which—to my eyes—was enormous. Its windows were lit up, the color of yellow flames in a coal fire.

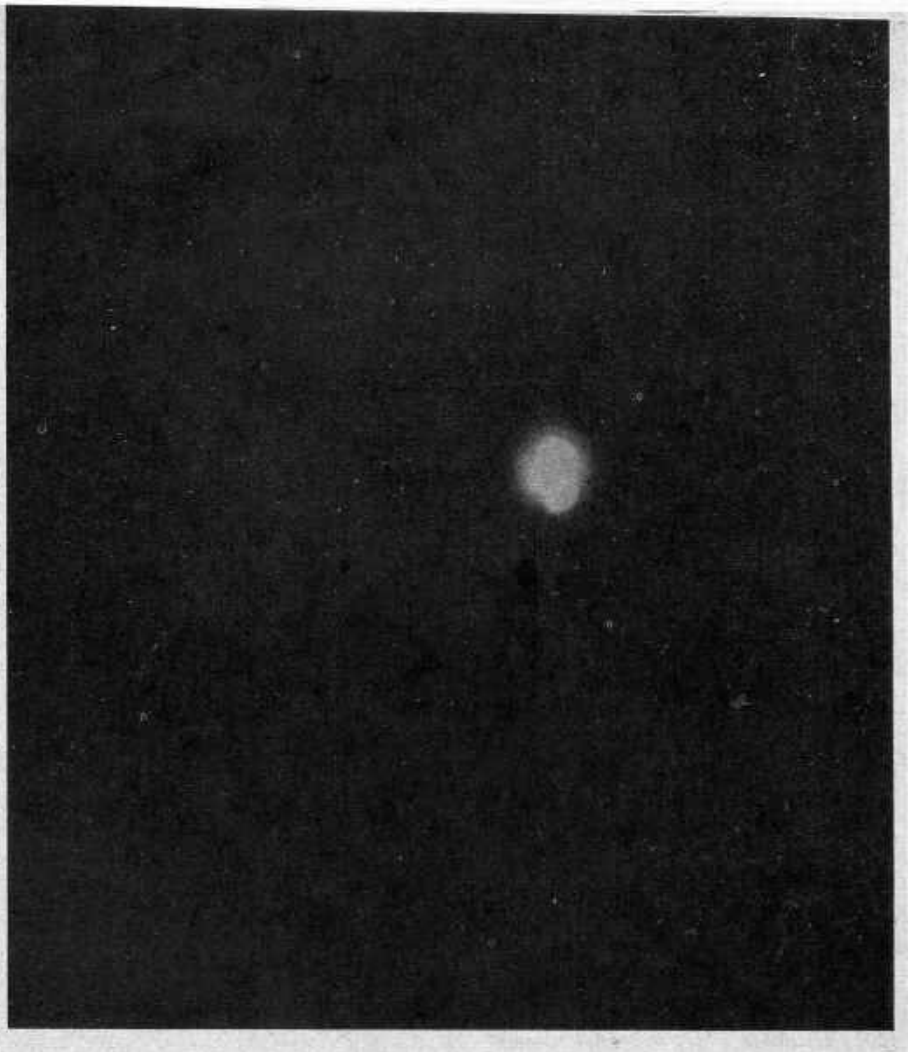
"It was much like a railroad car," she added, "only with rounded ends. And it did not travel lengthwise, but was gently gliding sideways." Mrs. Penton's sighting, which lasted about five minutes, was confirmed by six local residents who telephoned the newspaper within a matter of a few hours. And all their observations tallied. I was admittedly puzzled and determined to find out what was behind this phenomenon.

News of the events at Warminster soon spread. Magazines and daily newspapers all over Britain began featuring stories on what was happening in our community. Unfortunately, in many instances they gave the erroneous impression that our citizens were cowering in panic, trying to shield their eyes and ears from this unknown terror.

TV and radio coverage soon reached an all-time high and in August 1965, even the staunchly conservative British Broadcasting Company sent a camera crew to record the testimony of anyone who would step forward and relate their experiences.

Rachel Atwill, the attractive wife of a pilot, did exactly this. In front of a BBC commentator Mrs. Atill told how she had both heard harsh grating sounds and saw what was causing it. Her traumatic experience took place at approximately 3:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10th, when she was awakened by a "terrible noise" that caused the bed and floor to quake. "I went to the bedroom window and looked out," she said, "and between the two bungalows opposite us, about 200 yards above the range of hills beyond, I saw a bright object like a massive star. I have never believed in flying saucer stories, but I cannot describe this as being anything else. What I witnessed was definitely domed on top and was huge in size, an unwinking light of great brilliance!"

Rachel Atwill said that she was not overly frightened by this "thing" but was terribly shaken by the awful noise that came from it.



After a while the horrible humming diminished, and finally the noise stopped altogether." The entire episode lasted for 25 minutes," she said. "The noise was most upsetting . . . I felt as if there was a tight band of steel around my forehead . . . a pounding and hammering at my eardrums. I drank some brandy afterwards; I was dreadfully cold and could not stop trembling. Then I filled two hot water bottles and went to bed. The strange thing was," Rachel Atwill concluded, "that not one of my neighbors on this private estate saw or heard anything unusual."

After word leaked out about what was happening in Warminster, we found ourselves plagued by people from around the world, who came to see what was taking place for themselves. The curious set up camp for as long as a week at a time, or until they were satisfied that what they had read was not some concocted tale created by an over imaginative journalist.

On many occasions I was among the skywatching groups when something definitely not of earthly origin was spotted moving across the horizon. Because of the obvious importance of the situation at Warminster, we often invited government and military officials to check out the situation for themselves. In most cases we were politely, but firmly, informed that a natural solution could be found for what we had seen. But despite this negative attitude, the Defense Minister would never deny specific cases!

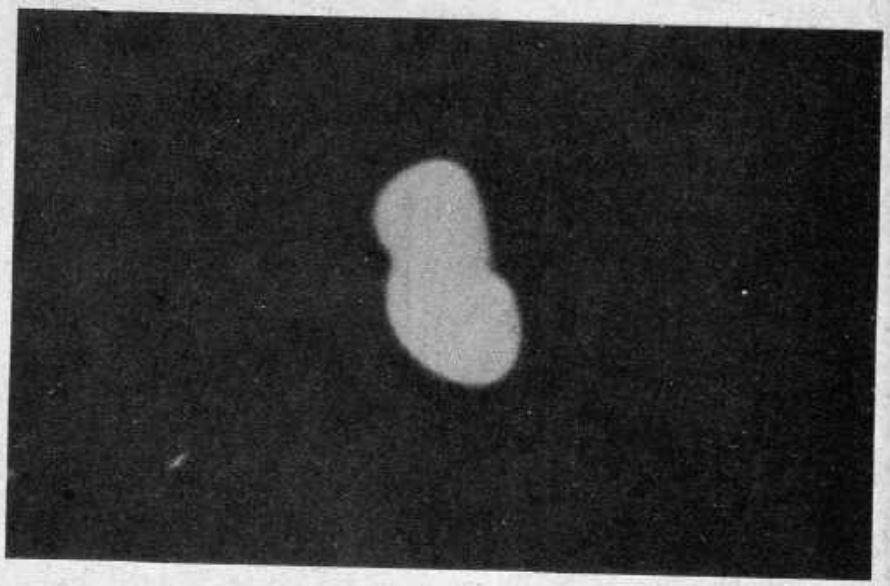
Given patience, no sincere investigator ever leaves Warminster without visual confirmation of otherworldly contacts. Around Warminster, extending in a complete circle are a number of key observation sites from where UFOs can be readily watched performing their aerial acrobatics. The names given these select vantage points—Heaven's Gate, Lord's Hill, Jacob's Ladder, Starr Hill, and Cradle Hill—would seem to imply that previous cultures that settled nearby and gave these sites their names, were familiar with this locale's extraordinary contribution to extraterrestrial (or interdimensional) relations.

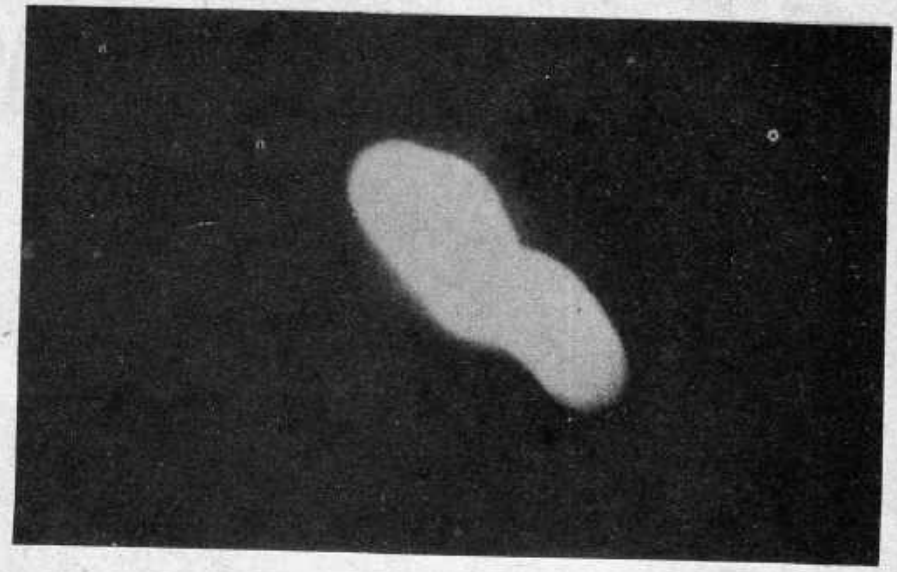
Actually Warminster is steeped in enigmas—both modern and ancient. The strategically placed rural and peaceful community of 14,000 is surrounded by prehistoric relics, stone monoliths, and ritualistic circles.

Stonehenge, a gigantic complex of rocks built by an unknown society, is located to the east of our town. Standing like a lone sentry on the Salisbury Plain, this strange structure was, according to one theory, built as an astronomical observatory centuries ago. Several hundred years later, the Druids, an almost extinct religious sect, used the stone pillars of this ancient monolithic structure for equinotcial religious gatherings and claimed it as their own work of art. Scholars, however, tell us that Stonehenge's true origin dates back thousands of years!

Avebury, to the north, has a similar history and like Stonehenge consists of a series of stones which supposedly had a mathematical purpose!

With so many mystical anomalies in the area, it should not come as a surprise that Warminster has become the modern focal point for visits from flying saucers.





It is almost as if some strange vortex exists here which acts as a cosmic beacon, beckoning UFOs earthward and welcoming them to this serene terrestrial locale.

Personally, I have had more than 800 authentic UFO sightings and have even had the opportunity to come in close contact with the occupants of these phantasmagorical objects.

The UFOs sighted over Warminster take on various shapes and come in a multitude of colors. They have been seen as: glowing spheres; luminous teardrops; ovoid jewels that range from bloodred rubies to winking diamonds of flashing light; from lustrous gray daytime pearls to fiery green emeralds that decorate the nighttime heavens.

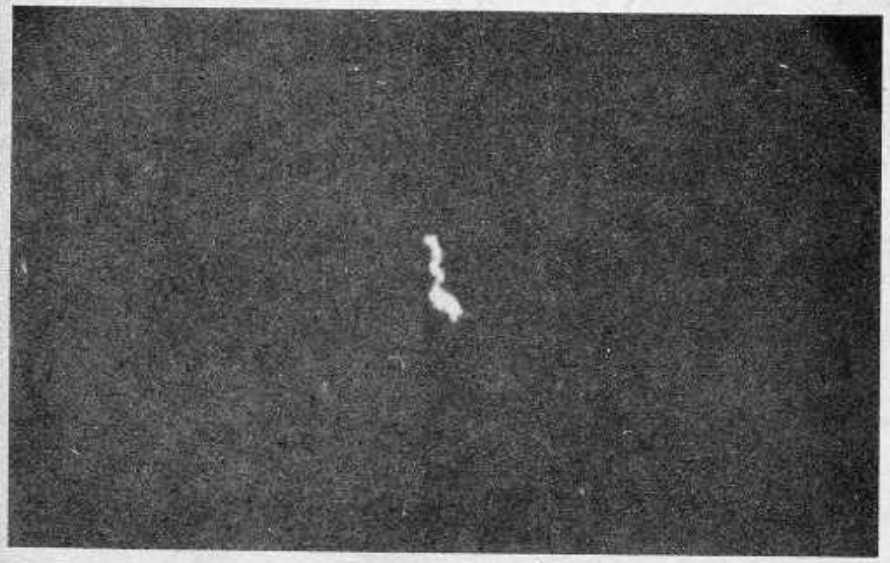
Seen through a three-inch telescope at night, a hovering spacecraft is a glorious firefly of radiating colors, pulsating from the center to its outward edges in a continuous stream of flickering and living energy patterns, with white, amber, green, red, and blue predominating.

The most common daylight variety is a gunmetal gray that sparkles with silvery majesty when sunrays strike it through passing fleecy clouds. Basic shapes are round, bell-like, and torpedo. Sizes vary, we find, as do conventional aircraft designed for different tasks and responsibilities on our own planet.

Longer and larger airships, which are not so common, are described by witnesses as aerial submarines—silver white "lighter-than-air" craft, or illuminated round-ended railway coaches in flight, complete with portholes along the sides. The majority of these phenomena are most often seen in the distance, and they're silent, as the smaller types invariably are, unless they swoop close to the ground. Then a distinctive buzzing or droning sound is audible, which is similar to millions of swarming bees.

Especially active in the sky over Cradle Hill, is what I term "a thinking light" or "brain beacon."

These are simply tiny circular bright lights that change direction rapidly, sometimes at bewildering speeds. They are usually amber or white and surrounded by a glowing aura or halo along their edges. We have seen specimens of this type at night come toward us—and in



fact go right past us—at a distance of only four to six feet. They frequently emit a high, piercing, whistle-like noise, which causes ears to throb in pain.

We are confident that these are remote controlled mechanical and electrical robots, sent out from larger craft on close survey operations. These unmanned surveyors are no doubt a tremendous help to travelers farther aloft, who are anxious to learn all they can about us.

Except on Aug. 1, 1971 when we saw three silvery discs suddenly appear near ground level, daytime UFOs usually burst into view above the horizon. The sun glitering over their metallic surfaces, they often make right-angled turns before suddenly stopping and hovering. Occasionally they make a fluttering descent much as an autumn leaf falls in a breeze.

At night, fast moving UFOs can be seen coming in over the horizon, stopping at a point over nearby treetops, where they slow down and then erupt into brilliant red balls of light. Then they gradually change to an oval or ellipsoid shape and switch from red to gold or amber color.

In addition to the various types of flying saucers seen here, this area has been the focal point of dozens of UFO-related incidents which defy logical understanding and explanation. These events, we believe the evidence shows, are highly indicative of a continuing surveillance by beings who originate from some totally alien world.

For example, numerous UFO watchers at Cradle Hill and Starr Hill can confirm that articles have vanished from cars and vans, even when their doors have been locked—then miraculously turned up again, safe and sound, when drivers and passengers arrived home after a night of skywatching.

George Woods, a Merseyside area resident, turned UFO enthusiast, has braved inclement weather several times to gaze at the Warminster phenomena. After his first visit, Woods discovered that his tape recorder had been skillfully tampered with by someone or "something" unknown.

A repair shop owner verified that Woods's machine had been *expertly* taken apart, with components laid out in reverse order on top of the mechanism. A silly prank? This is hardly possible, as no

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INVASION OF THE SPACE GIANTS

Authorities around the world have been flooded with reports of giant aliens whose mysterious actions have left them completely baffled

By Timothy Green Beckley

It was a humid evening in late August 1963. The moon was full, and the stars twinkled brilliantly. Near the town of Sagrada Famila, Brazil, the Eustagulo family lived in a modest home in a rural area. They never heard of flying saucers.

On this particular evening the two Eustagulo boys, Fernando, 11, and Ronaldo, 9, were told to go to the well in the garden and clean the family coffee filter. The two went down the little stone stairway that led to the well with their friend Marcos. The night was so clear and luminous, they didn't immediately recognize the sphere that was floating in front of them as they stood in front of the well cranking the pulley to bring up a bucketful of water.

When they first saw the object, it was above the trees, practically touching the branches. The boys could make out people sitting one behind the other in four or five rows inside the craft. Then suddenly a door popped open, making a humming noise. Two luminous parallel bands speared the ground near a flower bed and a slender being, about 10-feet-tall, glided on the two bands of light to the ground, landing near the foot of the stone stairway.

The being rode down the beams, with his arms outstretched, in a slow sliding movement. Once he reached the ground he walked about 20 feet, with his back stiff, legs open, and arms stretched out, balancing himself. He moved, swinging his body from left to right continuously until he reached a rock in the yard and proceeded to sit down. All three boys agreed that the being wore a transparent helmet over his head, and had only one visible eye of dark color in the middle of his forehead. It was actually a giant-sized saucerian Cyclops! The ufonaut was wearing high boots, which had long, thick triangular spikes protuding from each other. The spikes made strange impressions in the soft earth, which could be seen for days following the sighting.

The trousers the being wore, seemed to be fastened to the boots in a ring fashion. The moment the being hit the ground, his suit seemed to inflate as if it filled with air. His garment was very shiny and similar to leather. Fernando said that the being had a copper colored box on his back, and a square pack which covered part of his chest. He said this pack gave off flashes of light, and he thought it was either a camera or flashlight. In the craft's open doorway the boys could plainly see the other occupants sitting behind control panels turning knobs and flicking switches.

Frozen in their tracks, the boys said the being reached for one of them as if he meant to sweep him up in his giant hands and carry him to the waiting ship. Fearing the worst, Fernando picked up a brick and was about to heave it at the spaceman, who was seated on the rock, when the being stood up and stared at the youth. Fernando was unable to move, or throw the brick. It was as if the being had gained control over his body and his movements.

As if surprised by the boy's hostile action, the "spaceman" took a few steps back, his mouth opening in a vertical fashion, showing a row of white teeth with two larger ones at the corners of the mouth—one directed downward, the other up. The being proceeded to enter the ship, gliding up the shafts of light still beaming down. This time, however, the Cyclops floated skyward with his hands pressed against his body and not outstretched as before.

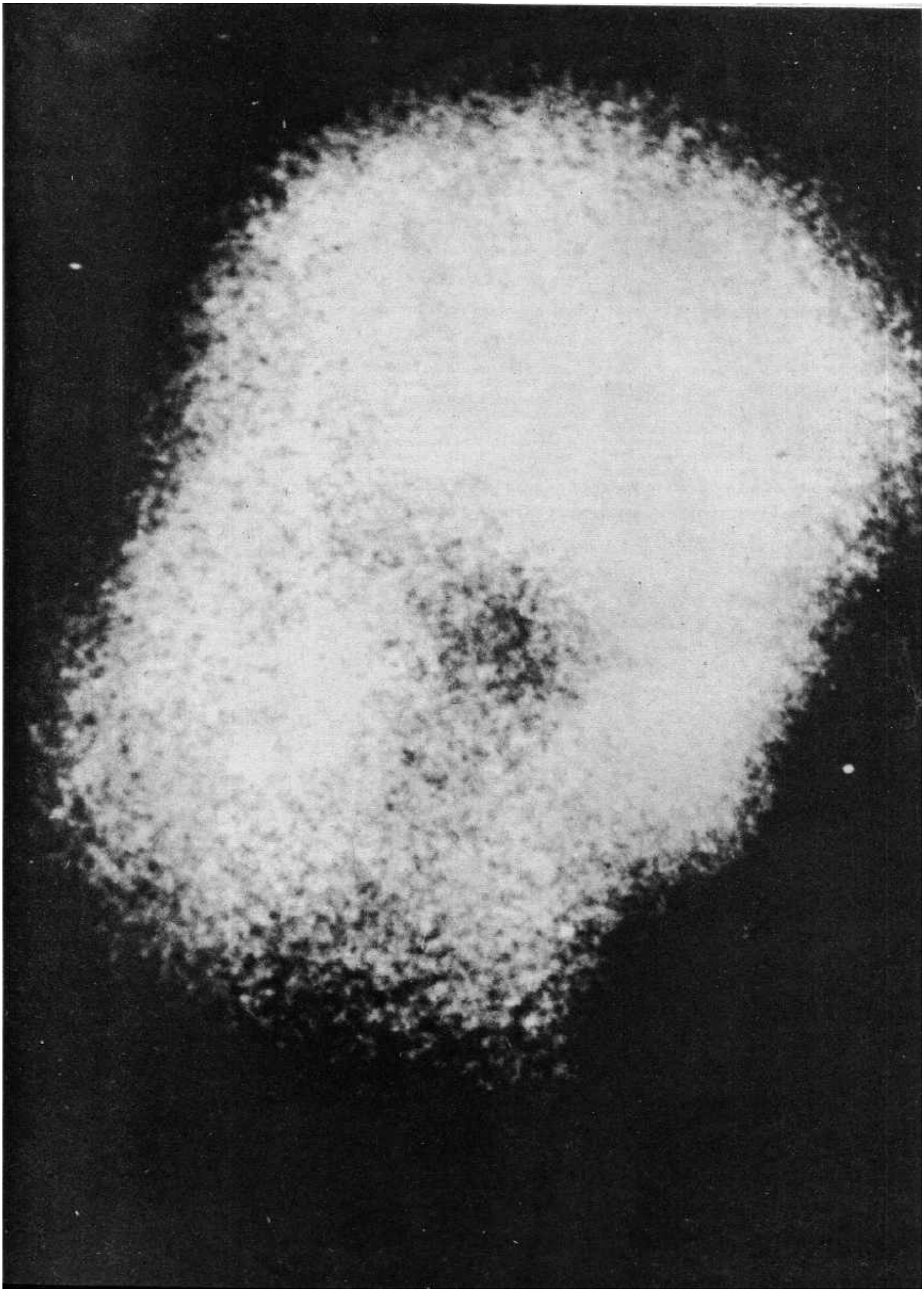
Looking through the door of the open ship, the boys saw that all the crew members were about the same size and stature and wore the same transparent helmet. The youngsters also felt that one of the being on board was a female, since it had long hair pulled tightly in a bun, while all the others appeared to be bald.

As in many cases already reported, the boys felt that the occupant was not really attempting to hurt them. They could not explain how they got this impression, but their fear had disappeared. The boys were also quite certain that he would return again. When asked how they knew this, they answered that it was just a feeling, as if someone was talking to them. A local Brazilian UFO researcher explained this as a telepathic suggestion and claimed that others in the vicinity had also reported strange objects in the skies that evening.

Another of the many cases of giant ufonauts was reported in the *Australian Flying Saucer Review*. It was raining heavily at dawn on Oct. 18, 1963. Eugenio Douglas was driving with a truckload of coal, between Monte Maix and Isla Verde, in Argentina, when a brilliant headlight, apparently from an approaching car, blinded him. As another "auto" approached, Douglas realized that the vehicle had only one headlight. He slowed down to avoid a collision, and as he did the light became so bright he could not look at it any longer. He stepped on the brakes and put his head on the steering wheel. The truck was now on the edge of the road. Douglas got out of the truck and through the veil of rain saw a circular metallic craft about 35 feet high in front of him.

Douglas told an investigator from the *Review* that, "Suddenly another light of lesser intensity appeared in the vehicle. It came from an open door. Several tall figures passed through the opening. They were human-like but extremely tall." He estimated their height at approximately 13 feet and they were dressed in tight fitting metallic suits.

According to the filed report, the occupants wore strange headgear with protru-



"... Many experts believe that UFO occupants are actually 'androids.' The space giants, from eyewitness reports, could be the machines created by ufonauts to land on Earth and perform various mysterious tasks ..."

sions that looked like small antennae. Douglas said there was nothing repulsive about the big men, yet he was terribly frightened.

The moment his presence was discovered by the aliens, a ray of red light flashed, burning his skin. Eugenio Douglas was in such a state of fright that he could think of nothing but grabbing his revolver and firing three shots at the tall being. Then he started to run on the road toward the town of Monte Maix.

But the "burning light" from the ship followed him wherever he went. When he reached the village, Douglas noticed that as the red beam touched electric lights in the street, they turned violet and then green. A strong smell of gas immediately spread all around the area.

As he came to the nearest home he began to shout for help. This was the house of a Mr. Ribas, who had died the night before. Unexpectedly, the candles around the casket and all the electric lights in the house turned green. A strange smell instantly filled the room.

Hearing the shouts outside and seeing the weird happenings inside, the Ribas family rushed out of their house to find Douglas with an overcoat over his head and a gun in his hand. Neighbors appeared on the scene to stare at the green street lights. In the meantime the ufonauts had disappeared into the night.

Douglas was taken to the police station where he showed burns on his face and hands, and again related his weird experience. The police officer then remembered that he had received a number of calls about the electric lights changing color throughout the town, which was attributed to irregularities at the local power plant. Douglas was examined by a Dr. Dabolas, who stated that the burns had been caused by radiations similar to those from an overexposure to ultraviolet rays.

The following day the villagers went to the site where Douglas met the strange machine with the giants, and found large footprints (19½ inches long), partially washed away by the rain. Burnt out cables were also found in the truck.

There had been many observations of flying saucer "giants" in South America, but sightings of these beings seem to abound in Argentina. *Saucer News* (September 1965) contains a brief report concerning an incredible incident which occurred in the town of Torren. During February of that year, a UFO landed in full view of a group of extremely excited and frightened farmers. Two strange beings, towering over seven feet tall, emerged from the craft and walked toward the villagers. As in the Douglas case they had an apparatus on their foreheads which gave off small rays of many colored light. The beings then went into one of the nearby houses and attempted to kidnap the farmer who lived there. They were unsuccessful, due to the combined efforts of his friends who came to his rescue.

On the same evening the craft landed again, and this time the farmers opened fire on the giants. To their horror and dismay the bullets had no effect. Despite the ability to withstand the fussilade, the spacemen were easily discouraged from their kidnap mission. Interestingly, one of the farmers who fought the spacemen hand-to-hand later came down with a strange skin disease.

Brazil has also had its share of visits by these giants. In August 1958, three men on the outskirts of Mindui reportedly observed a pair of eight-foot-tall beings dressed in brilliant red clothing. They watched the spacemen walk up a hill to their UFO, and take off.

On Feb. 14, 1965, on a beach near Guarani, Brazil, five local residents observed the landing of an unusually large object. Three of those present went back to a nearby motel to get additional witnesses. While they were gone, the two remaining UFO witnesses cautiously approached the ship from behind sand dunes until they managed to maneuver within 60 feet of the craft. From this position they noticed that three beings had alighted from the ship. The ufonauts were thin, tall creatures about eight feet tall, wearing a dark, one piece suit which fit very tightly around their bodies.

Before anyone else could arrive at the site, the craft took off. However those who did return could see traces of footprints and unusual circles where the object had rested.

Several hours later on the same evening, Nilo Domingues, while resting on a beach in Atlantida, Brazil, saw a UFO land and immedately turn on what appeared to be a bright spotlight that moved about on the sand. A porthole could be seen on the craft and from a door on its underside came another strong light. Suddenly the object took off rapidly and disappeared. Half an hour later, Domingues returned to the beach with his son and found strange markings in the sand, which looked like the ship and its crew had returned during his brief absence.

From Vilovi, Spain, comes a sighting of an enormous hairy monster seen on Feb. 27, 1968. The "animal" reportedly left huge footprints in the ground and walked the countryside at night scaring animals. Several horses were reportedly attacked by the

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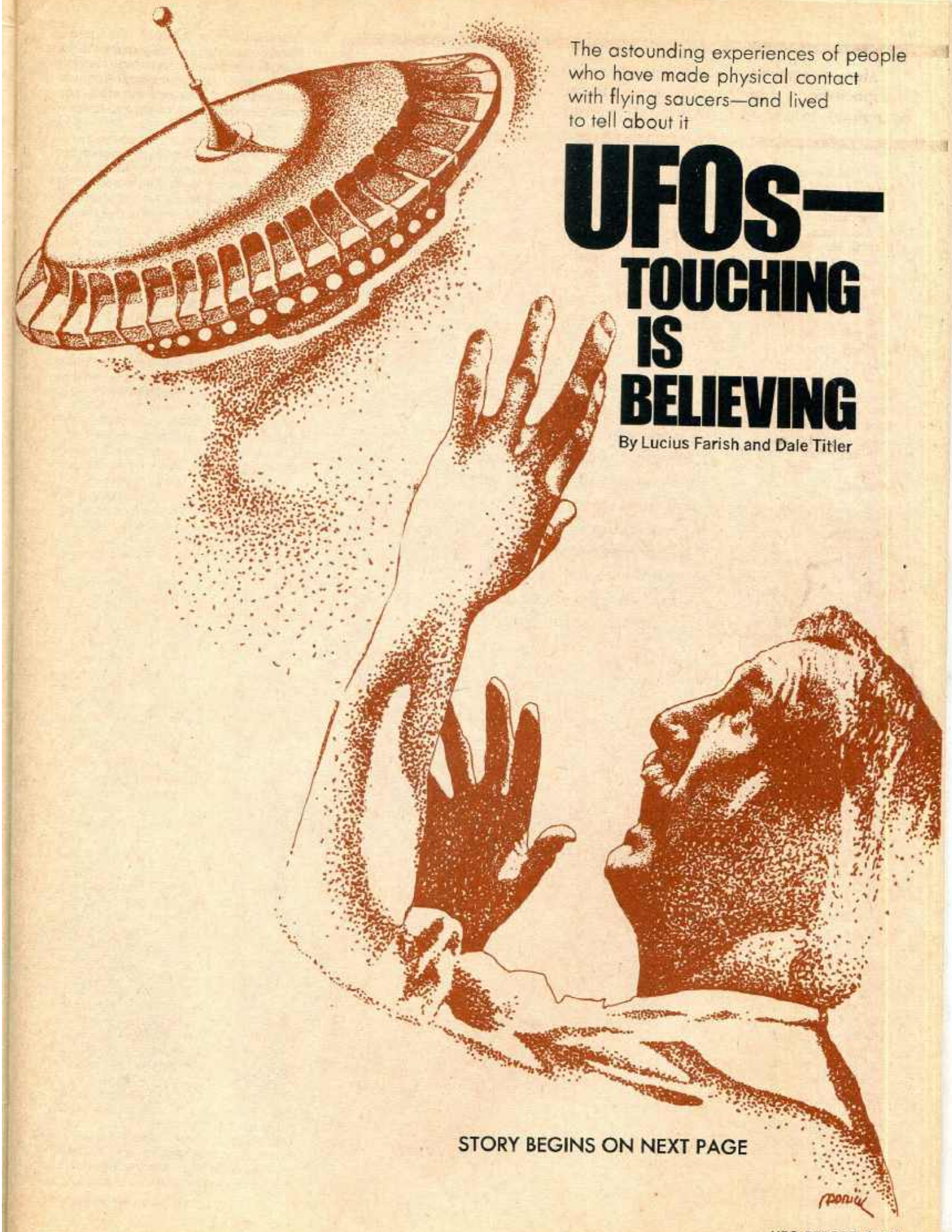
The astounding experiences of people who have made physical contact with flying saucers—and lived to tell about it

UFOs— TOUCHING IS BELIEVING

By Lucius Farish and Dale Titler



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UFOs are the most puzzling sky phenomena of our day. You may laugh and ridicule the accounts of those who claim to have watched their strange antics overhead, but what of those who have actually laid their hands on UFOs that have landed—and suffered various reactions? Is touching believing?

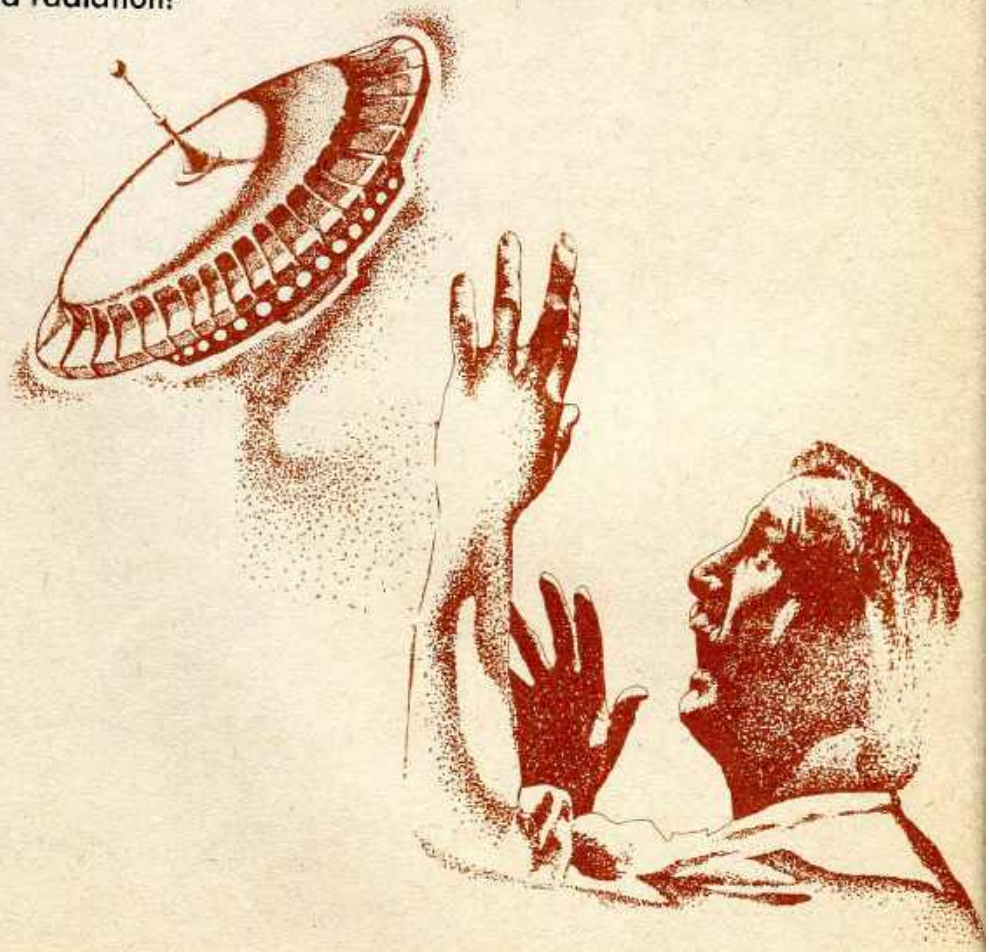
A 51-year-old Polish immigrant became a believer when he touched a UFO in the Canadian wilds. The craft then took off with a rushing blast of heat that burned his shirt, gloves and cap. For five months he was seriously ill.

A South American aeronautical engineer believes. He stopped his car on the lonely Argentine pampas to inspect the inside of a "flying saucer." He never forgot what he found inside the craft—and later he suffered strange, lingering, physical reactions.

Yet, paradoxically, one man examined a UFO in a Pennsylvania field in the early hours of the morning and after 40 years reported no aftereffects whatsoever. For protection against adverse publicity, he remains anonymous. We'll call him Mr. Kelly, a resident of Lehigh Valley.

At 2:30 a.m. on a warm summer morning in 1933, the 18-year-old Kelly was

"Stephen Michalak touched a UFO while prospecting in the Canadian wilderness and became seriously ill. After scientists examined him, they believed he had either been burned by ultrasonic waves, or that he was hit by a blast of gamma radiation!"



driving his 1925 Ford Roadster from Nazareth to Lehighton. Between Cherryville and Moorestown, at a desolate spot on the road, his car had a flat tire. While changing the tire in the darkness his attention was drawn to a faint purplish glow in a nearby field. He stood up and tried to see what it might be, then, becoming more curious, he walked 200 feet to the light. There was a new moon but enough light filtered down from the stars to show the distinct outline of a strange, bell-shaped object lying on the grass. Kelly judged it to be about six feet high and 10 feet in diameter. He saw light coming from a slit on the side which on closer scrutiny he found to be a circular door about a foot in diameter that was slightly ajar.

Kelly pushed against it and the door swung open easily. He noticed it was built much like the door of a bank vault, with sealing steps at the opening rim and on its edges.

The young man saw no one near the object so he poked his head through the opening and looked around the interior. The inside was bathed in a faint, peculiar light from the ceiling and at first he had difficulty making out the objects in the "room." He judged the chamber was about six feet in diameter, about four feet high, and there was a dome in the center. He couldn't see any windows. There was a console-like arrangement in the center of the floor and the interior was crowded with tubing and dials. Several small objects—possibly controls—were strangely curved. Kelly observed that the walls had a striated pattern—like marble—and that he saw no seats, beds, or anything resembling an air-lock. The young man also became immediately aware of a curious coldness inside the object and an odor similar to ammonia.

After a few minutes of carefully studying the peculiar "room," Kelly then began inspecting the outside of the bell-shaped device. There were no windows visible anywhere on the extremely smooth exterior. He ran his hand over it and found the surface to be metallic and cold. In all, he spent about 10 minutes examining the object, then he walked back to his car, finished changing the tire, and drove home.

Thirty years passed before Mr. Kelly decided to tell anyone of his odd encounter. In 1964 he still had a vivid recollection of that dark night in the Pennsylvania countryside when he said: "I'd never heard of a flying saucer when I had this experience, and hadn't the remotest idea what the object was. But now, looking back, I'm convinced I saw something not of this Earth—and perhaps not even of our planetary system. While I inspected the object I neither saw nor heard any living thing. In fact, the silence was deathly. But, it's entirely possible I was observed."

From Japan comes the tale of a miniature UFO—and the boys who caught it.

It was late August 1972. Two schoolboys, Michi Seo and Yasuo Mori, living in the district of Kera on Shikoku Island, spotted the tiny object one evening at dusk. Observing its agile flight with interest, they first thought it was a bat.

They soon realized that this strange aerial object couldn't possibly be a bat; it moved too quickly! They would see it flying over the rice fields in one place, then—without seeming to accelerate—it would be seen in another area. The growing darkness soon caused the puzzled youngsters to lose sight of the object.

The following days brought other reports of the same, or a similar, small disc seen in flight in the same area. Then, young Seo and Mori, along with two other schoolmates, discovered the object at rest in a rice field.

When they reached it, the disc was emitting a bluish light every few minutes. The boys ran to bring a friend, Sadao Fujiwara, but when they all returned to the site, the tiny disc was gone.

Three days later, Hiroshi Mori and another friend, Hisaaki Kuzuoka, found the object again in the same area. Kuzuoka, who had a camera with him, took a flash picture of the disc from what seemed to be a safe distance. As the flash illuminated the small UFO, it appeared to fly into the air for a distance of about five feet. The frightened boys fled, without even glancing back. (It's interesting to note the object's seeming reaction to the light of the flashbulb. In many other cases, UFOs have shown definite reactions to light, sometimes wobbling violently in midair when struck by light beams.)

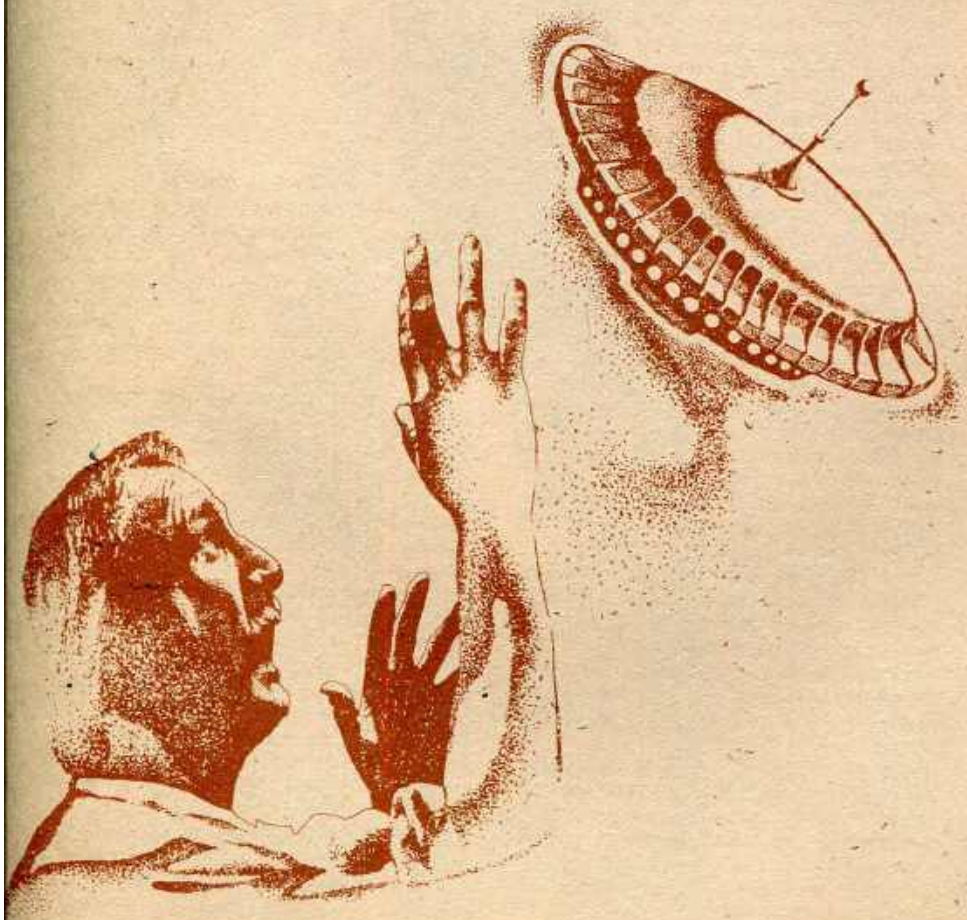
In mid-September, the number of boys chasing the small object had grown to nine. Their efforts at capture were finally successful and they carried the strange thing to the home of Yasuo and Hiroshi Mori.

Examining the object in detail, the boys found it was about eight inches in diameter and weighed approximately three and a half pounds. It had a small round hole in the back. The shape was like an upside down ash tray and it reflected light similar to dull silver. Cut in relief on the back of the disc was a very strange design that the boys attempted to sketch but investigators later found their efforts very difficult to describe.

During the time the object was kept in the Mori home, it continued to glow intermittently with a bluish or bluish-yellow light. Young Hisaaki Kuzuoka's mother also observed the glow when her son brought it home; she said it glowed like a firefly.

Curious about their strange catch, the boys decided to pour water into the hole on the back of the UFO. When they did, it began to squeak.

They then decided to put a wire into the hole and suspend it from the ceiling. When they did, a round lid opened on the back of the object. Gazing inside, they saw equipment similar to radio components. Feeling this was a bit too strange to suit them, the boys tried to shut the lid.



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The most unique and conclusive alien encounter in UFO history.

THE ALIEN OF BLOUNT ISLAND

By B. Ann Slate

Last October, 600 disappointed people had to be turned away from the already packed Florida Junior College auditorium in Jacksonville. They all wanted to hear nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman deliver his lecture "Flying Saucers *ARE* Real."

Norman R. Chastain, a resident of Jacksonville, had arrived early in order to get a seat. The reason for his promptness was more than a normal interest and curiosity about UFOs. Norman Chastain had kept a secret inside him for over a year about an amazing experience which he would not reveal until he found the proper scientific authority to investigate it with, as he put it, "sincerity."

Later that evening at his home, Chastain began drafting a letter to Stanton Friedman at the UFO Research Institute in California. It began, "I am just an ordinary railroad electrician with 35 years of service . . ." The contents of that letter and the subsequent scientific research now being conducted as a result may make Norman Chastain's encounter the most unique and conclusive in UFO history.

While an electrician by profession, Chastain is an outdoorsman by hobby, so on a Friday evening in late January 1972, the 60-year-old man drove with his cabin boat and trailer toward Blount Island which lies inland from the Atlantic Ocean near the mouth of the St. Johns River which is east of Jacksonville.

The island is essentially an industrial complex with municipal docks, a generating plant, and towering power lines. It was soon to figure prominently in the news as the Audubon Society fought in the courts to prevent a platform-mounted floating nuclear power plant from being constructed on the island.

But for Norman Chastain, Blount Island meant calm water and a likely spot to catch large red bass. He anchored the *Sea Camper* 50 feet from shore. It was high slack tide. Across the island, the deserted passenger liner, the *Constitution* rested at storage anchor.

The mild winter's night was so quiet, Chastain could hear "a tiny frog croaking across the river." He began fishing and the hours passed quickly. It was near 3 a.m. when he first noticed the orange and blue lights flashing over the Ft. Caroline National Monument.

"Must be Mosquito Control," Chastain thought to himself but he soon changed his mind. The lights remained stationary, hovering about 300 feet over the monument and changing colors frequently. "Could it be a police helicopter?" he wondered. No, there wasn't a sound. Suddenly, the lights moved directly toward him, stopping 150 feet over his boat. The domed, circular shape was clear now and the electrician knew he was looking at a craft that was not from this planet. Approximately 75 feet across, eight feet thick, with a dome estimated at five feet high, the strange object had brilliant lights around its circumference.

"When I saw it was a UFO and the first one I've ever seen in my life, naturally I was kind of startled," Chastain said. "I didn't know what to do and I didn't know what *it* might do!"

After the initial shock wore off, Chastain reasoned that the craft might have mistaken his boat's running lights for another alien object. The *Sea Camper* has some unusual lighting features which Chastain built himself; blinking red and green marker lights, a flashing white light on the bow and several reflectors. The two-burner Coleman lantern, mounted on top of the cabin, was also burning.

For five minutes, the craft hovered noiselessly overhead until Chastain snapped off the main light switch and turned out the lantern. Almost instantly, the UFO lights went out and he watched the dark outline of the object move slowly back toward the bluff from where it had come.

Chastain believed his strange encounter was over and that he had seen the last of the alien spaceship. Now he had other things to worry about because in the excitement of the sighting, the tide had

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shifted and pushed his boat aground. He made his way onto the dark island to hunt for a piece of driftwood to pry his boat off the shore and back into deeper water. He carried a strong spotlight with him and played the light over the ground to avoid stepping in any holes. Some distance from the boat, he located a 10-foot plank and began making his way back to the *Sea Camper*.

"I stopped about 75 feet from my boat to rest a minute as that wet piece of timber was heavy," Chastain said. "I raised my spotlight to see if my boat was still in the muck and there in the edges of the bushes was the strangest-looking creature one could ever imagine!"

Standing in the waist-high growth was *an alien being*, clothed in a tight fitting suit that the witness compared to old fashioned men's winter underwear, "except it was a dark silver gray and it shined slightly." The being was about five to five and a half feet tall, had small arms, a large head with pointed ears, and a slightly angular chin. On the top of its head was a glowing disc. The creature's mouth was slightly open and framed in the bright glow from Chastain's spotlight, the oversized, protruding eyes resembled glass reflecting light. As the witness understated, "It didn't look human at all!"

For several frozen moments, alien and earthman gazed at each other. Then suddenly, the being raised his left hand which held a flat device about three inches across. There was a brilliant white flash which Chastain said almost blinded him. Then the numbness started, a slow paralysis that began in his neck and moved throughout his body.

"I staggered around so dizzy I couldn't stand up, so I laid down in the tall grass. My arms and legs became numb and tingled, just like when your leg goes to sleep. I was tempted to scream for help, hoping someone might be on the island and would come to my rescue, but then I decided it might be better just to lie still. That devil-looking thing might've come up to where I was and finished me off in an instant."

After the brilliant ray from the alien's weapon flashed in his face, an overpowering stench seemed to cling to Chastain's hair and clothes; a sickening, unfamiliar odor which he said "didn't compare to a skunk!" Whether this foul smell was part of the beam or one of its after effects, Chastain couldn't be sure.

Now lying paralyzed in the grass, the terrified witness said, "For the first hour I was sure I would die, but I prayed and prayed. Then the numbness began going away. About daybreak, I was able to get up on my hands and knees and crawl farther away from the boat. By noon of the next day, my strength returned and I could walk again. It was a warm day. I could see my boat 50 feet out in the water with the door open and no one inside."

The offensive odor still covered him. Chastain swam out to his boat, put on swimming trunks and dried his clothes, but the stench still remained. He washed his hair with a disinfectant, threw the clothes in a roadside ditch on the way home and felt almost normal except for having a peculiar light feeling, almost as if he was floating on air.

This condition didn't escape his wife's notice. "You don't look right, Norman," she said as soon as he walked in the house. "What's the matter?"

Since Mrs. Chastain had been under a doctor's care, he didn't want to upset her with the details of his frightening experience. "So I told her a little lie, that the water had been rough and I got seasick," the witness said. "What's more I didn't tell anyone else for fear of being ridiculed, or have somebody accuse me of being some kind of nut!"

Norman Chastain couldn't have known that his experience with the humanoid from another world was far from over. The following day he went to his physician for a check-up, just in case the alien ray might have done some permanent damage, or by chance the paralysis might have been caused by a stroke or heart attack. His doctor gave him a clean bill of health.

The electrician returned to the island in the daytime to search for some clue or evidence of his bizarre encounter but there wasn't a trace. He smelled around the grass and bushes where he had fallen but the noxious odor was gone. The piece of timber was still on the ground where he had dropped it. He went back to work at the railroad as though nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

But his nights weren't ordinary, for Chastain began to experience vivid dreams of another planet with strange-looking beings, remarkably huge flowers, and assembly lines which put out saucer-shaped craft. He kept these dreams, as well as the incident on Blount Island, to himself.

Not being well informed about UFOs, Chastain wasn't aware of the many strange objects sighted over power lines, generating plants, and atomic installations. Nor had he ever researched the many cases concerning humanoids so he couldn't have known the alien he saw was not unique in appearance or actions. Silver-gray, tight-fitting uniforms, prominent glowing eyes, pointed ears, mysterious rays which blind or paralyze, all these are familiar features in documented sightings reported by responsible eyewitnesses to UFO investigators all over the world.

The classic case of the Hopkinsville, Ky., creature bears several similar characteristics to that of the Blount Island episode. Considered one of the finest of all occupant sightings in the U.S., this incident took place in 1955 and is listed in official Air Force files as "Unidentified." While widely published in a variety of books and periodicals, Jacques Vallee's presentation of the case in *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* points out several significant facets omitted in other versions. He especially calls to the attention of interested biologists that a particular reaction on the part of the Hopkinsville creature might be worthy of further investigation.

In brief, the Kentucky alien was described as about four feet tall with huge eyes, large pointed ears, arms that hung almost to the ground, and large hands with long nails or claws. The being's clothing was called "nickel plated." Just before the alien approached the Sutton family household of eight adults and three children, one of the teenagers said he'd seen a flying object land behind the farmhouse. The family assumed he'd seen a shooting star—that is until an hour later when a "little man" walked toward the house with both arms raised over its head.

If this gesture meant no hostility was intended, that fact was lost on the frightened people. One of the men grabbed his shotgun and fired through the screen door but the blast seemed to have no effect. The creature did a somersault and disappeared into the darkness. (The sound of the shot hitting was compared to that of shooting into a tin bucket.) The being's curiosity (or surveillance mission?) continued for interminable hours, as the creatures appeared on the roof and peeked through windows. (There is some question as to the precise number of beings as one of the witnesses remarked during an Air Force interrogation. "I only know what I saw. I saw two of the men or maybe the same one twice.")

The terrified family, during a lull in the "battle" abandoned the house, piled into their cars and drove into town to get law enforcement help. Police and state troopers moved into the area. As one of the officers drove toward the farmhouse to join

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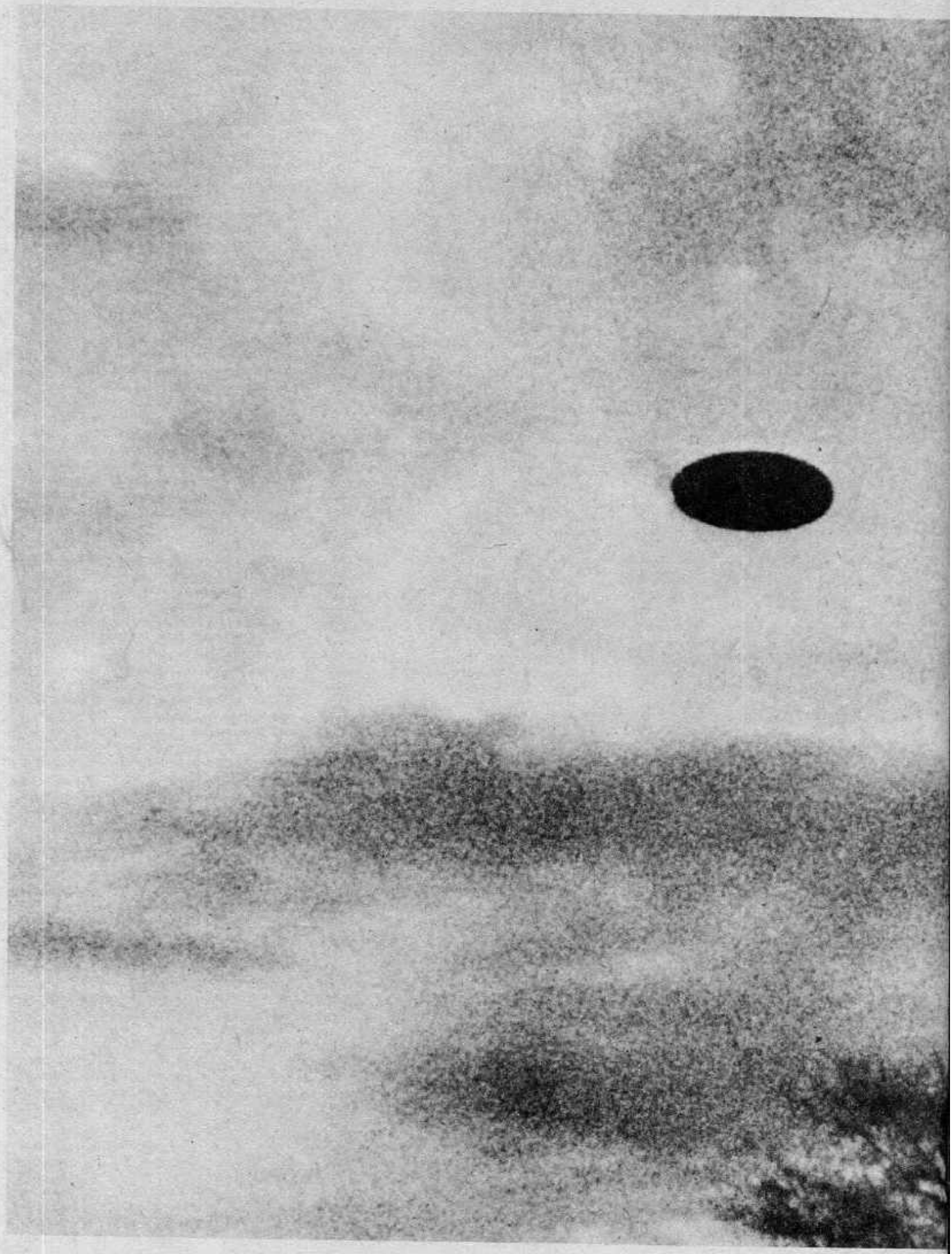
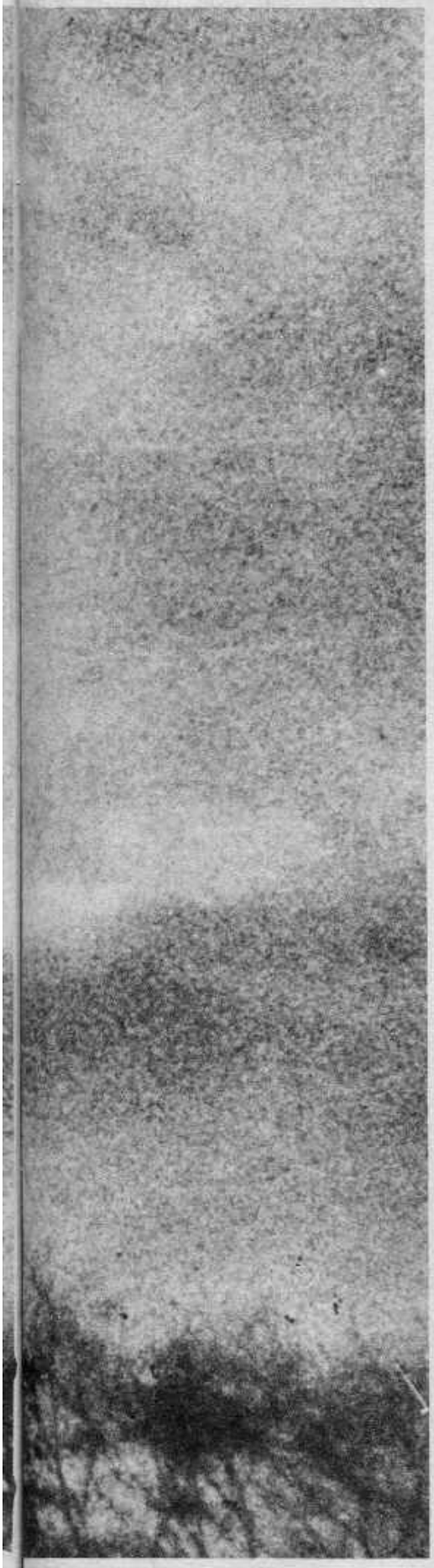




There have been so many cases of planes vanishing from the face of the Earth over the past 30 years we must ask this question:

ARE UFOs KIDNAPPING OUR AIRCRAFT?

By Harry Helms, Jr.

Almost everyone today assumes that Man is the complete master of the air. In the space of just over 60 years, Man has advanced from such crude early efforts as balloons and gliders to today's supersonic jets and lunar rockets. The power and magnitude of the U.S. Air Force is awesome to behold. On the face of things, there is little reason to doubt that anything in the skies can equal the inventions and developments of Man.

However, evidence has been accumulated that indicates otherwise—evidence that points to the existence of "something" else in our skies. Not only does this evidence show that these "things" are more advanced and more powerful than our most sophisticated aircraft, *there is mounting concern that these "things" have the ability to attack and overcome our aircraft and have done so!*

In case you find that a bit farfetched, consider these incidents:

• On June 26, 1956, a Conger jet fighter plane piloted by Gordon Bennett took off from Alameda Naval Air Station at 12:30 p.m. North of the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge the pilot flew into a cloud bank at an elevation of 1,800 feet. *He and the plane were never seen again.* No wreckage or other trace of the plane or pilot were ever found. Despite the low altitude, no one reported hearing or seeing any explosion or crash.

• On Apr. 6, 1956, an experimental test plane built by Lockheed vanished while on a high altitude test flight over Nevada. The aircraft, a secret model, did not send a distress signal, and no trace of plane or pilot has ever been found.

Perhaps we could afford to be nonchalant about the situation if these were only isolated cases, but, unfortunately, they are not. They are but two of several incidents of airplanes that have vanished without a trace. For years, it has been widely known among ufologists that UFOs have showed much interest in our airplanes. These strange objects have circled, followed, "buzzed," and otherwise harassed our aircraft. Now, there is reasonable evidence to assume that UFOs may have "kidnapped" some of our aircraft!

Although the bulk of information linking aircraft and UFOs concerns post-WW II aircraft, there is evidence to indicate that UFOs have been interested in our aircraft since 1931! In that year Francis Chichester left New South Wales, Australia, for New Zealand. He was crossing the Tasman Sea in his open cockpit aircraft when he sighted an object "like a silver pearl" racing toward his plane. It crossed the nacelle, and then faded from view.

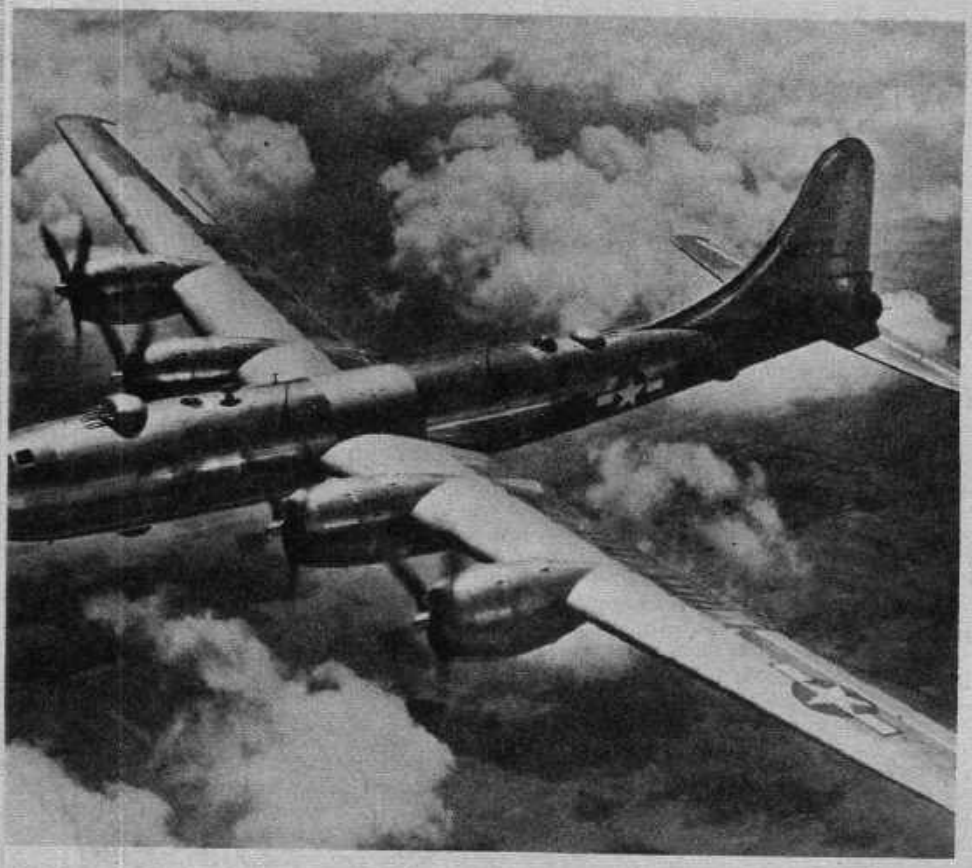
Although this is probably the first sighting of a UFO from an airplane, it is far from being the first ever made. Strange objects in the skies have been reported since Biblical times. Could UFOs have been behind the disappearance of Zeppelin L-50, which participated in the last great air raid on England during WW I? It left England on Oct. 20, 1917, and made a forced landing in France, where all but four crewmen left her. It then started to float over the Alps, yet never arrived back in Germany. It vanished, and to this day not a trace of the Zeppelin or the four crewmen has been found.

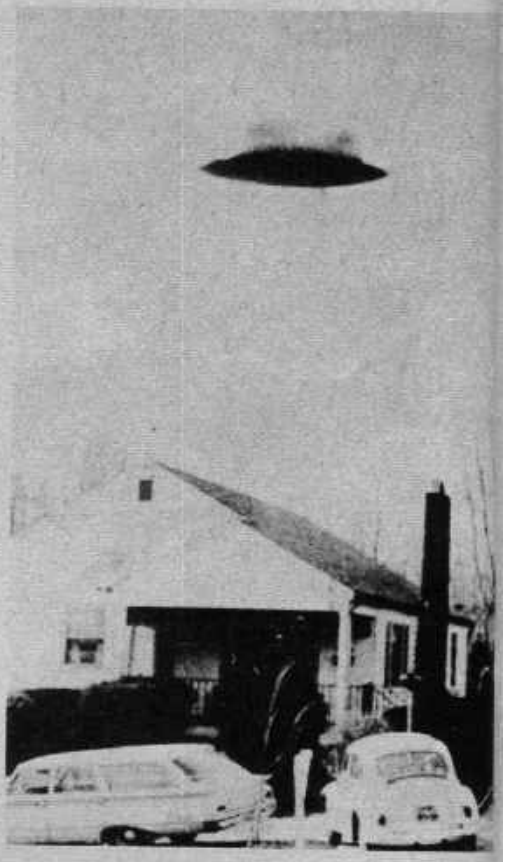
Perhaps light could be thrown upon the cases we have just discussed if some form of communications could have been maintained with the aircraft. During WW II, such a communications medium, radio, came into general use with aircraft. It was also during WW II that UFOs—then termed "foo fighters"—first started to approach our aircraft. As we observe the capabilities of UFOs in regard to our own aircraft, their superiority becomes frighteningly apparent.

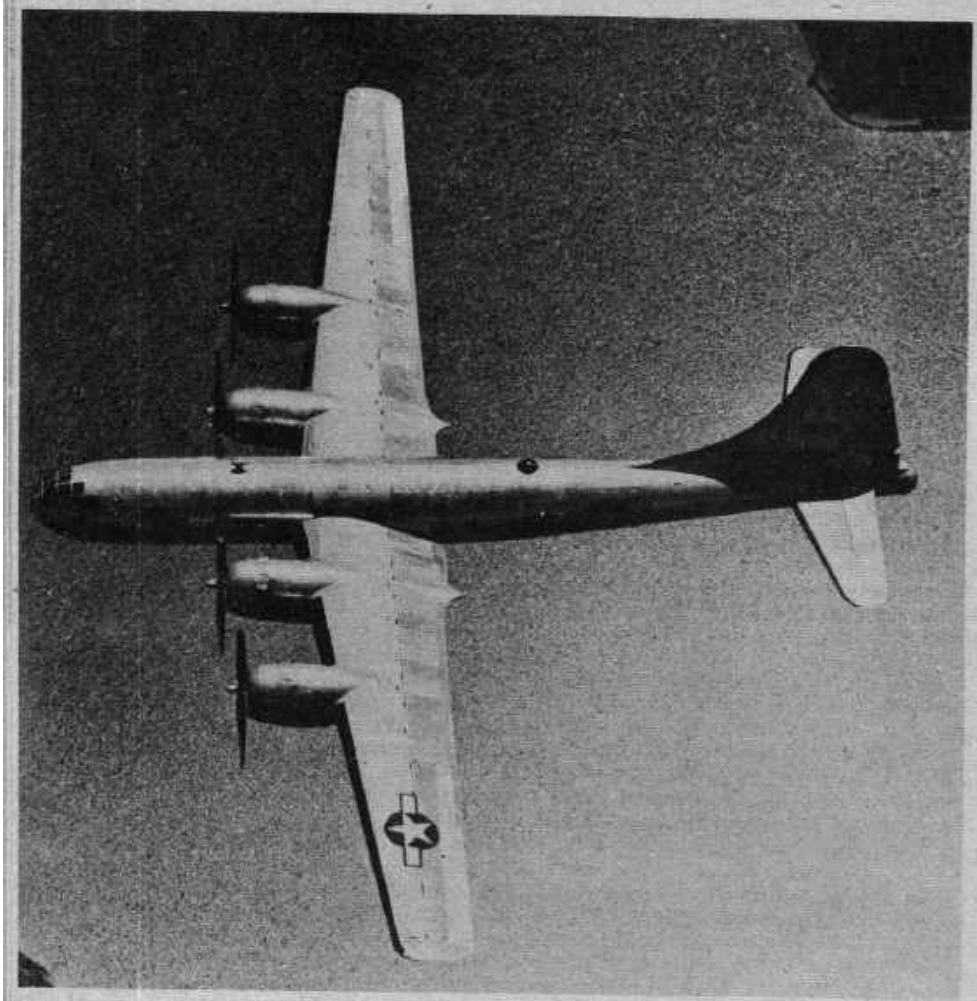
"Foo fighters" is the term Allied airmen used to describe the strange globes of light that began to appear near their planes during 1944-45. At the time, it was assumed that these were some sort of secret weapon developed by the Germans. It was only after the end of the war that it was learned that the Germans thought that they were secret Allied weapons! It seems that the word "Foo" was a corruption of the French *feu*, or fire.

One of the strange characteristics of the foo fighters was the fact that they did not show up on radar screens. Nevertheless, they were reported in large numbers by pilots for both sides and some photographs of them are known to exist. A similar phenomenon was also reported about the same time in the Pacific Theater, particularly over Burma.

The tales told about the foo fighters are numerous and can be found elsewhere, but one deserves special mention. On the night of Dec. 24, 1944, David McFalls and Edward Baker were flying at 10,000 feet over the Alsace-Lorraine region when, as they put it: "A glowing red ball shot straight up to us. It







suddenly changed into an airplane which did a wing over! Then it dived and disappeared."

Note carefully that the light *changed* into an airplane! The ability of a UFO to transform itself into other objects has not been reported before, but how can we be sure that they do not have this ability? If they do have this remarkable power, is it strictly for defensive purposes, or *could it be a weapon?*

Later the foo fighters were seen in daytime, where they were reported as having a metallic color that frequently glinted. It is true that no more of these strange balls of light were seen after Germany was overrun by American forces—yet no plans were found for constructing such devices. So far, no one has found out what these were. They are now classed as UFOs—sighted long before Kenneth Arnold's famous 1947 sighting. But UFOs had showed more than a passing interest in our aircraft—and shortly thereafter many strange things began to happen in our skies.

One factor that should be remembered in considering the evidence of the post-WW II crashes is that radio distress signals from these aircraft have been nonexistent, or cryptic at best. Now it would seem that, if no radio signals are received, one of two things must be happening: 1) Whatever is happening is taking place so quickly that there is no time to send any distress calls; or, 2) Something blocks out any distress signals that are being sent. We might keep in mind the fact that UFOs have frequently caused various electromagnetic effects by their near approach, *including the disruption of electrical circuits and the blocking of radio communications!*

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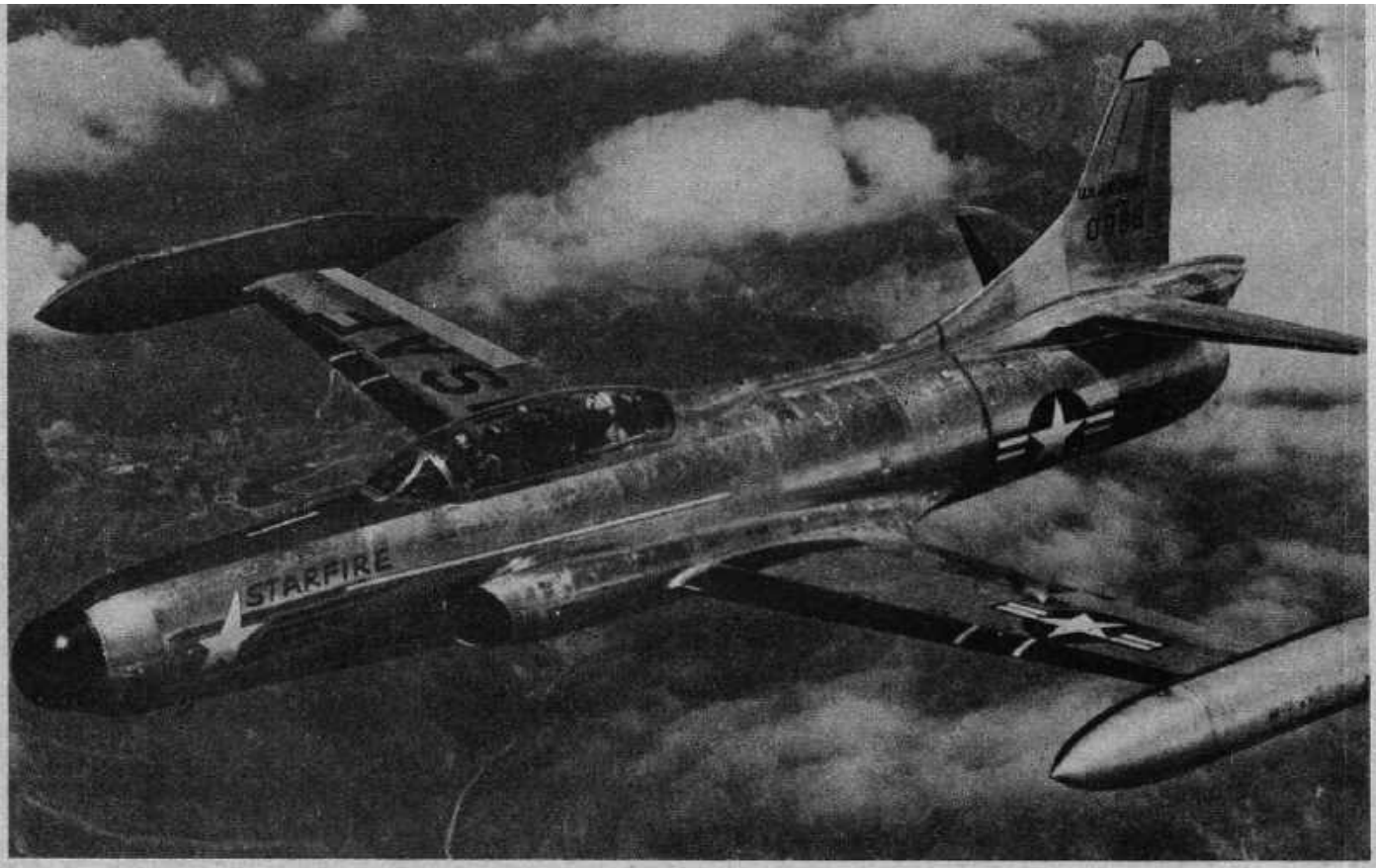

over the Sargasso Sea, the *Star Ariel* on Jan. 17, 1947, and the *Star Tiger* on Jan. 30, 1949. Both simply vanished, leaving not a scrap of wreckage of a trace of the passengers. The *Star Ariel* mystery is further deepened by the fact that two aircraft, a U.S.

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bomber and a British BOAC plane, saw and reported a strange light on the sea before dawn, and a floating object which reflected the moonlight! Yet, an extensive search of the area failed to turn up even the slightest trace of wreckage. The area where the *Star Ariel* and the *Star Tiger* vanished is known as the Bermuda Triangle. Located to the south of Bermuda, it has been the site of many strange occurrences which *SAGA* Magazine has covered in depth in the past.

It seems 1949 was a busy year for vanishing aircraft. In the month of December alone, nine planes vanished off the coast of Florida with their 108 passengers, and not a trace of wreckage or other debris were ever found! Just a few days before the *Star Ariel* vanished a charter flight out of Miami radioed that "all was well" before it vanished! With all these 1949 cases, there was no distress signal, nothing to indicate what fate befell the passengers and crew—except that it was a swift one.

Readers may wonder what, if any, evidence we have that UFOs are hostile to our aircraft—or are even interested. There is much evidence to indicate hostility, as follows:

• In Essex, England, on Oct. 4, 1954, a Saturn-shaped disc flew head-on toward an RAF plane, then veered at the last second.

• On Aug. 12, 1953, near Rapid City, S.D., an incident occurred which Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of Project Blue Book, described as "the best." The UFO first fled, then came back and slipped behind a jet that was sent to intercept it. It played with the jet in a cat and mouse manner, alternately fleeing from the jet and then chasing it. It was visible from the ground and was tracked on radar.

• On Aug. 28, 1952, a UFO made a series of tight, looping circles around an airliner near Leroy, N.Y.

There are also some cases where aircraft crashed because they hit "something"—the only trouble being that *no other conventional aircraft were in the area at the time!* Take the following examples:

• On Apr. 1, 1959, an Air Force C-118 crashed after the pilot radioed, *"We've hit something or something has hit us!"* The crash, near Sumner, Wash., took the lives of all aboard.

• A British "Comet" jetliner met disaster after takeoff from Calcutta. The crash, on May 2, 1953, came when the plane was doing in excess of 500 miles per hour. Debris was scattered over a wide area. An investigator for the British Ministry of Civil Aviation stated that lightning had not struck the airliner, and it had not collided with another aircraft. *However, the crash was due to the collision of the airliner with some other heavy and unknown body!*

• On Nov. 17, 1953, a U.S. paratroop plane over Ft. Bragg, N.C., crashed, killing 15 men. The sole survivor stated that the plane hit something in the air, "Sounding like two automobiles in collision."

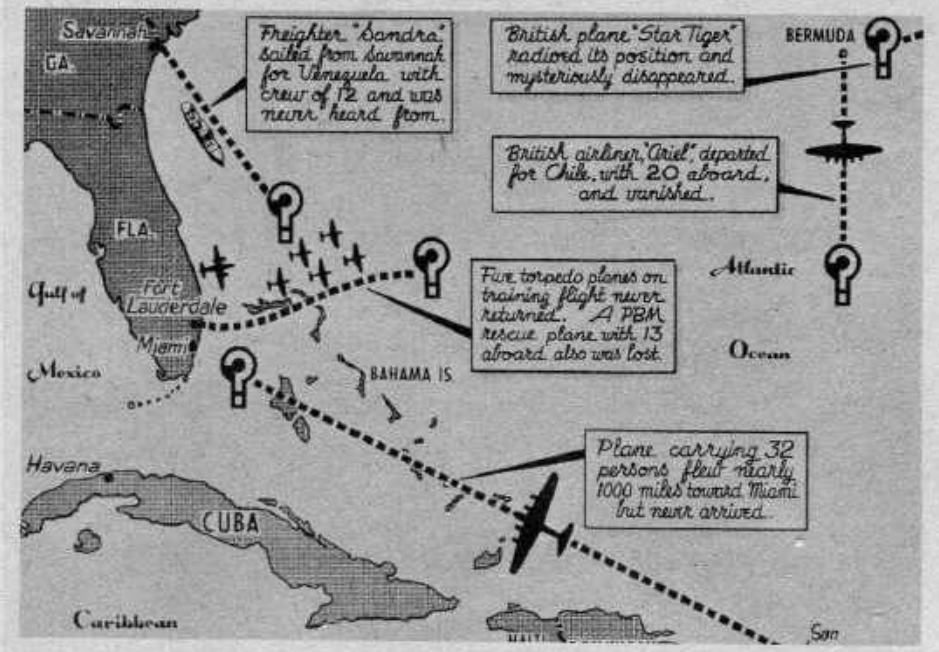
UFOs have even made and taken more hostile actions other than "collisions." Take for example the following incidents:

• On July 1, 1954, an F-94 Starfire jet was scrambled from Griffith AFB, N.Y., to investigate a strange blip that turned up on radar screens in the area. The plane's pilot soon had a visual confirmation of the radar sighting, and he and his copilot were soon staring at a large, gleaming UFO.

Suddenly, an intense wave of heat filled the cockpit—heat so blistering that the two fliers could no longer bear the agony. They ejected and safely parachuted to the ground. Their jet, however, crashed into the heart of the town of Walesville, killing four persons.

An official investigation by Air Force authorities exonerated both pilots of any blame—only fierce, unbearable heat had caused them to leave.

And even more extraordinary is the incident reported by Edward J. Ruppelt in his book, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. The former head of Project Blue Book confirmed the only case in which one of our aircraft fired upon a UFO. The pilot of a USAF F-86 jet fired on a UFO in the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Freighter "Sandra" sailed from Savannah for Venezuela with crew of 12 and was never heard from.
British plane "Star Tiger" radioed its position and mysteriously disappeared.
British airliner "Ariel" departed for Chile with 20 aboard, and vanished.
Five torpedo planes on training flight never returned. A PBM rescue plane with 13 aboard also was lost.
Plane carrying 32 persons fleut nearly 1000 miles toward Miami but never arrived.

"... British-Wing Commander Baldwin, a WW II ace, disappeared in March 1952 when his aircraft flew into a cloud bank and failed to come out. Nothing was found in the way of wreckage, but there was one clue—at the same time Baldwin vanished, a U.S. aircraft carrier nearby sighted a UFO!..."

summer of 1952 when he thought the UFO was going to ram his plane! The pilot had to file the mandatory report when he fired his guns, yet stuck to his story despite threats of a court-martial and dishonorable discharge!

So here we have impressive information that points to the conclusion that UFOs sometimes do attack our aircraft and have even been fired upon. Has anyone ever observed a "kidnapping" of an airliner by a UFO? We have some evidence on that subject—but let's look at a few more unusual cases before trying to draw any conclusions.

Another well-known case that has baffled authorities is the strange fate of the *Star Dust*, which vanished while on a flight over the Chilean Andes on Aug. 2, 1947. She radioed that she was going to land at 5:45 p.m. This message was sent at 5:41 p.m., but was ended by the word "Stendec," loud and clear, which was repeated rapidly three times. That was the last ever heard of the *Star Dust*. Not a trace of her was ever found, and none of the 11 bodies were ever recovered. Also, the meaning of the mystery word "Stendec" is still unknown.

The loss of the *Star Dust* is disquietingly similar to the case of a Pan American Constellation between Accra, Ghana, and Liberia during the last week of January 1951. She radioed at three a.m. that she would land at the Liberian airport in 15 minutes. That was the last ever heard from her. The usual fruitless search was held, with the usual negative results.

The theory of coincidence cannot explain the fate of a Globemaster which unaccountably disappeared in 1956. On a previous trip, two of her four engines failed over the Atlantic south of Iceland. She managed to return to Iceland and have the engines repaired, and she then proceeded to her base in Florida. On the next trip all four of her engines failed, and at *precisely the same latitude and longitude!*

Another strange event in 1956 occurred on August 22nd. A medium U.S. bomber, being ferried from Iceland to France, departed after dawn in perfect weather. Twenty minutes later another U.S. plane took off, also bound for France. The second plane repeatedly signaled the first, yet was unable to contact it. The first plane and its two pilots were lost, and no trace of them has ever been found.

In March 1957, a double-decker Stratocruiser, on a flight from California to Tokyo, vanished while less than two hours away from Tokyo. No radio signal, no debris, no clues—the same old story.

In 1947, an American Super Fortress vanished while less than 100 miles from Bermuda. Again, no clues or wreckage were found.

Still in the Bermuda area, five TBM Avengers were lost while out on a routine patrol flight on Dec. 5, 1945. A Martin Mariner was sent out to search for the planes, and it also vanished without a trace. All planes were equipped with life rafts and self-inflating life jackets, but no trace of the six planes was ever found. This incident ranks as a "classic" in the lore of disappearing airplanes.

On Feb. 2, 1953, a transport craft with 33 passengers and a crew of six vanished in the Atlantic while on a flight to Jamaica. An SOS

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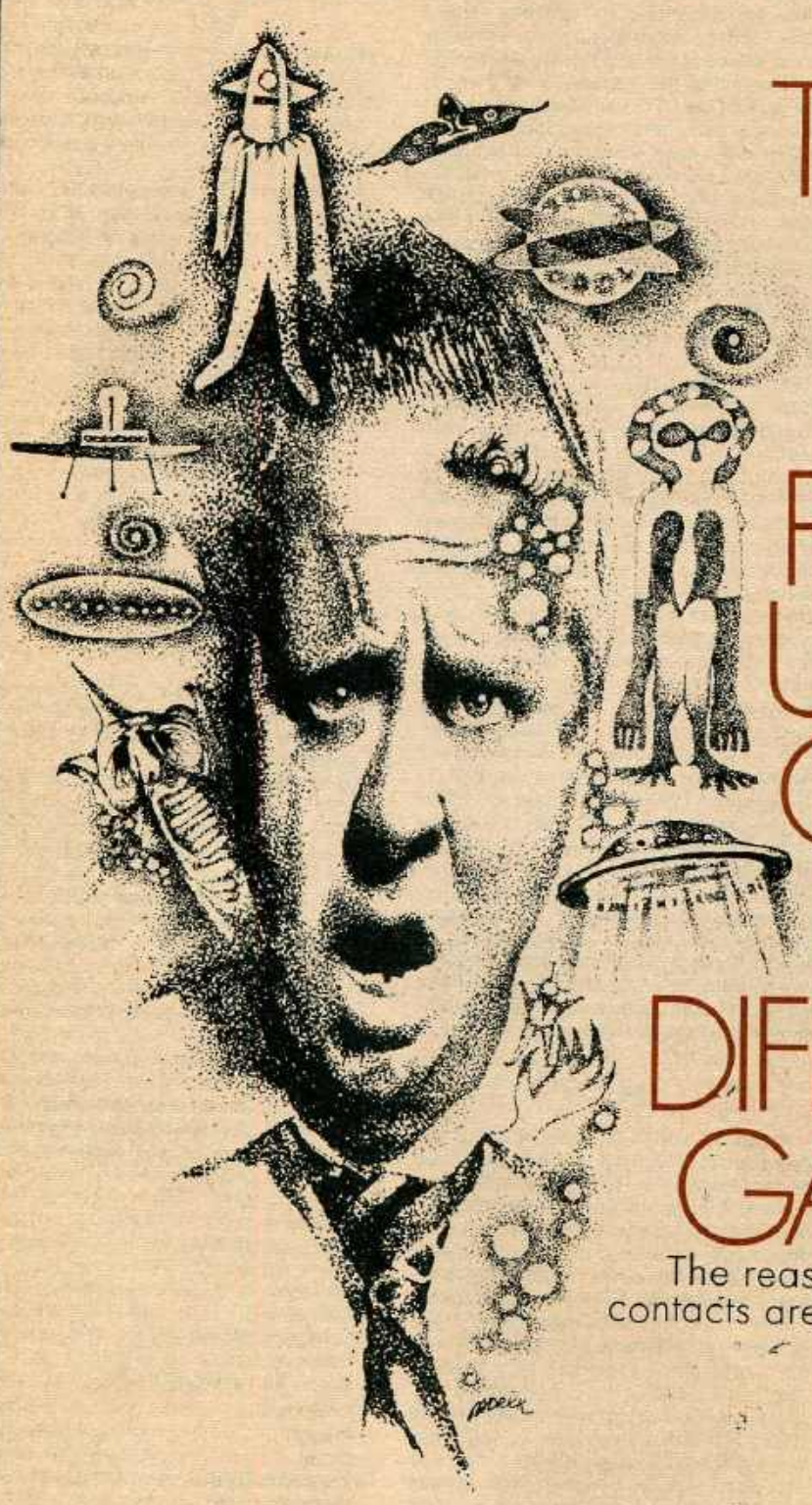

THE CLUES THAT PROVE UFOs COME FROM DIFFERENT GALAXIES

The reason why no two saucer contacts are ever alike By Otto O. Binder

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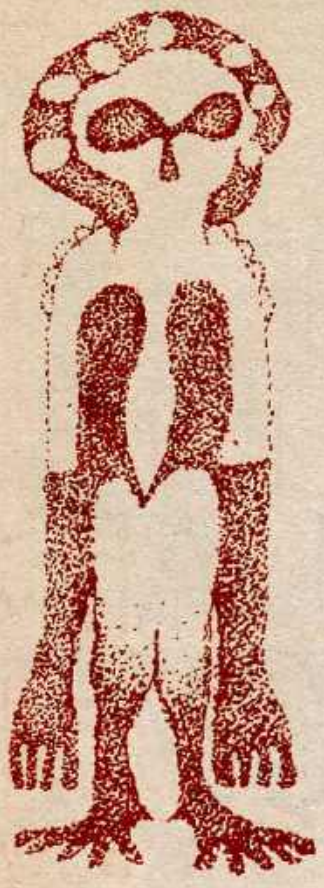


"As with their craft, no two UFOnauts have ever been described as exactly the same. They can be divided into five categories: little men; human-like; giants; robots; and monster-men."

Why is it that all reports of UFO sightings describe different craft every time? Some may be superficially similar, such as the common "saucer" or disk shape, but the details are never alike.

Why, when witnesses describe the UFO occupants no two creatures are ever the same? The well-known "little men" may often be described as wearing "space suits," but in other details the similarity ends. Which leads to a third question:

Discounting the "space suits," why is the garb of the UFOnauts unique and never seen on any other occupant?

Why does each occupant, according to witnesses' testimony, speak a distinctive language unduplicated by other UFOnauts? Or, if the UFOnaut uses some Earth language, why does he have an individual accent never before heard?

And last of all, why do the occupants of UFOs claim they are from *various* worlds, never naming or describing the same one twice?

For the uninitiated who are not too familiar with the many facets of the UFO phenomenon, there may be slight exceptions to this recorded data about the creatures and their flying saucers. But all UFOlogists will agree, I'm sure, that these points are overwhelmingly true in at least 99 percent of the cases that have been reported around the world since the flying saucer controversy began in 1947.

Now, what is the meaning of such a random conglomerate of sightings which don't have the slightest common denominator? Perhaps there is an "uncommon" denominator. The very fact that there is no common thread leads squarely to my premise. The only logical answer to the above haphazard disparities in UFOs is that *UFOnauts come from different worlds in space,* with different evolutions, different cultures, and different technologies.

Let's run down the list of the incredibly different items relating to UFOs, which has made the subject a phenomenon as mystifying as a disordered dream—but in reality, reflects the fact that a multitude of worlds, all quite different from one another, are inextricably involved.

The Craft

It can be positively stated that *no two flying saucers sighted on Earth have ever been identical in all details.* UFOlogist John A. Keel points out that out of several hundred UFO photos, not more than a dozen include shapes that are essentially alike. As for witnesses' reports which include more detail, no two are *ever* alike.

Even the most common saucer-shape comes in a bewildering variety from "two pie plates stuck together" to a "flattish disk" to a "lens" shape, sometimes with sharp edges and sometimes with broad edges that have small "windows." They may have a dome on top, or a "hump" with portholes; a "housing" may project from the bottom, or three or four "landing legs." The color and texture of the hull may be white, dull gray, aluminized, pitted, striped, or even translucent, and so on.

Sometimes they appear in a "mist" and look "hazy" in outline, other times they are sharply defined. During flight they

may display any color in the spectrum, in any order. Or they may not be luminous at all. They may be equipped with intensely powerful searchlights, with "running lights" that sometimes blink on and off, with round or square or triangular portholes with knobs and protuberances of every kind, even with unconnected "Saturn" rings whirling around them.

Most are noiseless at a distance, yet others will sound like "wind rushing," "an electrical generator," a "siren's wail," or the "hiss of sparks."

Reading through several hundred reports you will never find the same description twice.

Taking all UFOs in general, the overall structural forms include an even more amazing assortment of shapes. This writer, from reports he has collected through the years, has come up with the following UFO forms:

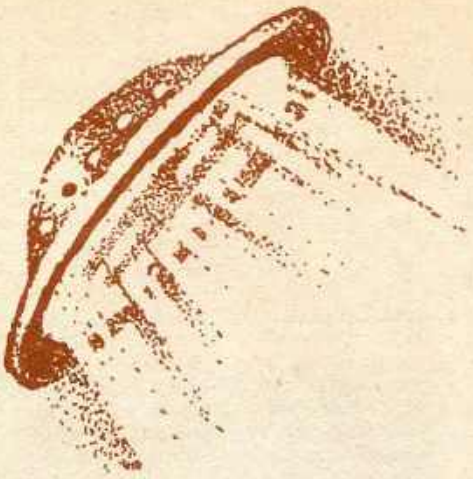
Potato shape
Crescent
Saw-toothed ball
Skull
Kite-like
Teardrop
Cross with dome
Spool or spindle
Globe with antennae
Doorknob
Wedge
Drum
Winged torpedo
Humped scow
Giant wheel
Diamond
Boomerang
"Christmas tree"

These types reflect the probability of the infinite number of different *tech-*

nologies involved. Of course it may be that many advanced civilizations in other galaxies have discovered and utilized the same basic principles—such as how to fly faster than light by using a space warp technique—but their application of it can involve quite different power plants requiring varied internal mechanisms and hulls.

UWO's [Unidentified Walking Objects]

Here we come to the true mind-boggling diversity of the strange beings who land their flying saucers on Earth and are seen by human witnesses. As with their craft, no two UFOnauts (except, of course, those in the same party) have ever been described as alike. They can be divided into five general categories:



"little men"; giants; robots; monster-men; and human-like.

The Little Men. There are over 600 reports of UFOs that have landed, and 400 included occupants that emerged from their craft. Of these, about 70 percent or 280, involved sightings of men or creatures who are below average human height, anywhere from one to four and a half feet tall. Not only do their heights vary, but so do every other facet of their bodies, faces, limbs, and mannerisms.

The following compilation leaves out such things as time, place, and witnesses, and concentrates only on the astoundingly different kinds of beings of short stature that have emerged from their space vehicles to amaze human witnesses. The sightings range from 1950 to date, although a few occurred before that. The encounters took place in many parts of the world, notably the U.S., Brazil, France, Spain, Scandinavia, and the Far East. Here is a list of the "little men" (who are definitely little but questionably men), the color of their skins or their overall clothing:

All black
Blue and bearded
Green skin and hair
Shining yellow eyes, black face, and glowing green torso
Dun, like potato bags
Fish-scale skin, legs with golden glow
Striped clothing
Bright red faces
Pure white skin

There are also many kinds of anatomical features:

Dwarfs, hairy bodies
Glowing orange eyes
Misshapen bald head
No arms
Slit mouth, nostril holes
Three-fingered hands
Shriveled face, white hair
Pumpkin head.
Eight-fingered hands.
Large chests
Huge heads
Furry, clawed hands
Thin, hooked nose
Heads like potatoes
One-eyed
Elephantine ears
Fingerless hands
Twisted legs

But the following are real mind-blowers that must have seemed utterly fantastic to the unfortunate people who happened to stumble on them. One "being" was described as having a "phosphorescent chest." Another as being egg-shaped, flabby, with webbed hands. Then there was the tiny creature that was transparent as a ghost but nevertheless stepped out of what seemed to be a solid metal craft. But what would you think of a midget creature having the right side of his chest much larger than the left. And his right arm longer than his left! Or how would you like to meet a three-foot high "shrub" with a single glaring eye?

But one of the strangest reports came from Malaysia where six schoolboys described seeing a soup plate-sized flying saucer land. Out of it stepped five "lilliputians" only three-inches high! They seemed to have "ray guns" and one of them shot at a boy, hitting him in the leg that raised a small red welt which was later examined. The story at this point might seem pure imagination among young school boys, except that in the following days, the same "mini-men" were reported by many adults.

And of course evolution, if applied on a galactic scale, could conceivably produce tiny intelligent creatures only inches high on some odd world. The three-foot tall little men and giant-sized UFOnauts make it clear that the human size of five to six feet is not necessarily the "norm" throughout the universe.

Another group of little men had the ability to levitate and fly, according to the witnesses. Some could "glide" over the ground without moving their legs, while others "floated" around with no visible support. A few actually flew as quickly as birds, but without wings. At least one little man shot straight up in the air and vanished, as if to meet a UFO hovering in the sky. These flying tricks, sheer "magic" to our 20th Century eyes, may be forms of psychic levitation that will be practiced by everyone in the 21st Century—who knows?

In keeping with our original premise, we again have no running thread linking any of the little men together as denizens of the same world. There are vicious little dwarfs, who reportedly attacked human witnesses; others who are smiling and good-natured; those that are shy and scamper back to their craft as soon as they are seen; others who apparently were startled and blasted some kind of "paralysis beam" at witnesses; some, in turn, who walked up and talked pleasantly to people (usually in the witness' own tongue); and still others who completely ignored their human observers and went on collecting rocks or plants.

If we think that these reports of "little men" represent the uncorroborated stories of single witnesses, or two witnesses who are unreliable, let's examine one of many cases with multiple witnesses that is extremely difficult to discredit.

The place is Hopkinsville, Ky., during August 21st and 22nd, 1955. Eight adults and three children of the Sutton family were all participants in the frightening events that began on the eve of August 21st, when one of the men, on his way to a well for water, saw a UFO land. Thereafter, throughout the night, "little men" kept coming to the house as if trying to get in, and were only driven back by rifle and shotgun fire.

The terrifying visitors were described as "specter-like" and only three to three

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Unsolved Mysteries From UFO Archives

THE PHANTOM AIRSHIPS OF 1913

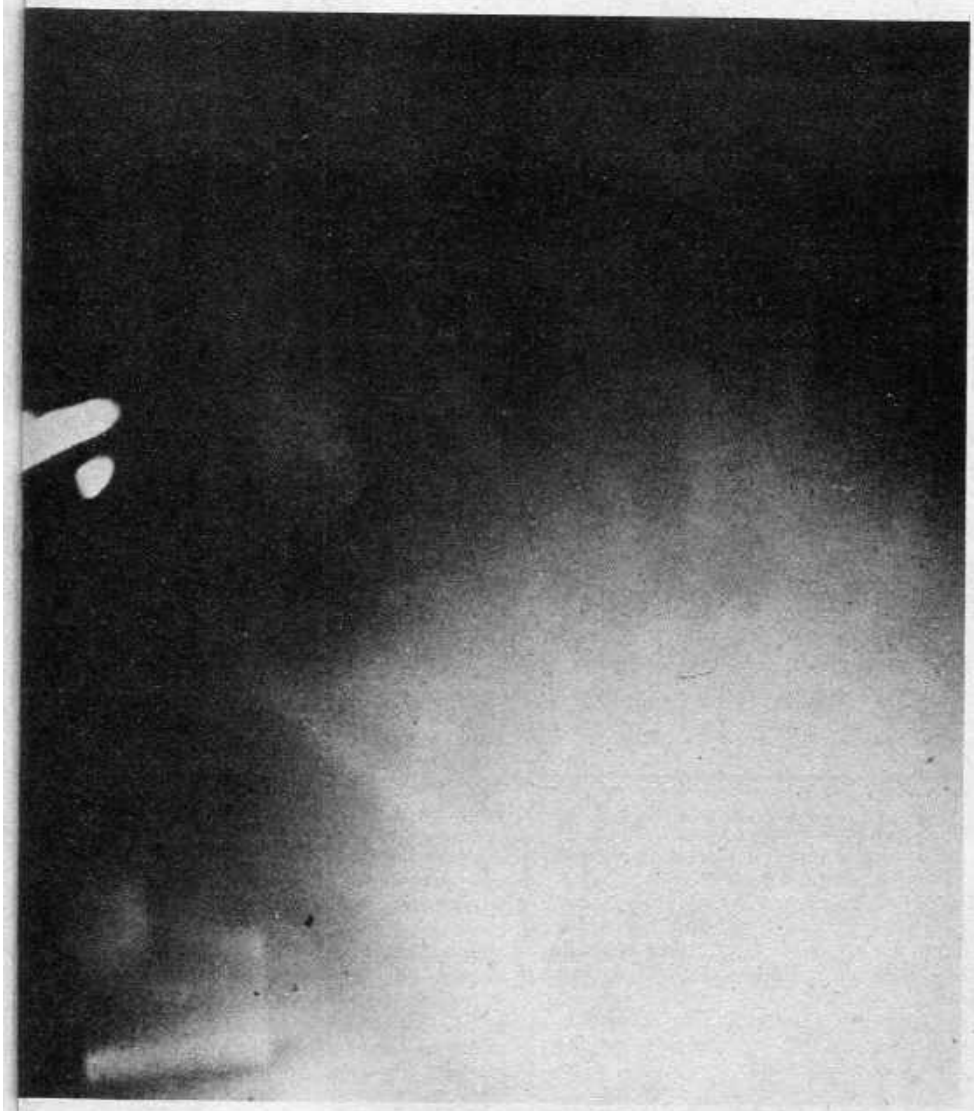
Our team of researchers investigates a flying saucer wave that baffled governments around the world long before Man mastered the skies.

By Jerome Clark and Lucius Farish

Early in the evening of Oct. 14, 1912, an "unknown aircraft" appeared over Sheerness, England. Those who saw it simply described it as a large object with lights. Others, who did not see the craft itself, reported hearing a buzzing sound which they thought was an airplane motor. At Eastchurch, residents lighted flares to guide the craft in case it decided to land. But the mysterious object chose to vanish into the night instead, thus becoming another of the phantom airships that cast a long, ghostly shadow over the early history of aviation.

The panic that followed wasn't because the British were unfamiliar with aircraft, although flying machines other than balloons were not a particularly common sight. (In fact, in 1911, England's first rigid airship, the RI-M, had been destroyed even before it could be tested.) What bothered Britons the most, once their government assured them that the Sheerness craft wasn't one of theirs, was the fear that Germany controlled the skies. There was nothing they could do about it either, and nightmare visions of enemy airships destroying Britain began to infect the national consciousness.

In Parliament, members asked some



hard questions. Secretary of State for War Winston Churchill said the government knew nothing about the airship, though an investigation had been made. "There is nothing in the evidence," he said, "to indicate the nationality of the aircraft." That did not satisfy opposition member Joynson Hicks, who called the object a "Zeppelin dirigible."

And there was some justification for the latter opinion. On October 13th that same year, Count Zeppelin himself, commanding a crew of 20, boarded the giant L 1, a mammoth airship that measured 518 feet long and 48 feet in diameter, and flew it on an endurance cruise over North Germany. On its return the next day, after 31 hours in the air, the machine had traveled 900 miles and had spent six hours at an altitude of 5,000 feet. It was a major accomplishment, but the L 1 came nowhere near the British Isles. In fact no Zeppelin did until 1916, during WW I, and the craft was shot down almost immediately.

But the British had only suspicions to go on. They had no way of knowing that "Unidentified Flying Objects" had come to Britain. And it wasn't the first time, either. Sightings had begun the evening of Mar. 23, 1909!

P. C. Kettle, a constable for the town of Peterborough, had heard what sounded like a car engine. Seeing nothing near him, he looked up and saw "an airship. It had a powerful light and was a considerable distance from the Earth. In fact it looked little more than a couple of yards long." Kettle said the thing was oblong and "traveling as fast as an express train."

Other reports filtered into newspaper offices over the next few weeks but the editors, like many who years later would reject stories of "flying saucers," dismissed them as "unsatisfactory."

However, that hardly describes an incident that occurred on May 18th, on Wales's Caerphilly Mountain. Mr. C. Lethbridge of Cardiff was walking home from the town of Senghenydd where he came upon a landed craft.

"I reached the top of the mountain at about 11 o'clock [p.m.]," he said, "and when turning the bend at the summit, I was surprised to see a long tube-shaped affair lying on the grass with two men busily engaged with something nearby. They attracted my attention because of their peculiar get-up. They appeared to have big, heavy fur coats, and fur caps fitted tightly over their heads. I was rather frightened, but I continued to go on until I was within 20 yards of them. The noise of my little spring cart seemed to attract them, and when they saw me they jumped up and jabbered furiously in a strange lingo . . .

"The long thing on the ground rose up slowly—I was standing still, quite amazed—and when it was hanging a few feet off the ground the men jumped into a kind of little carriage suspended from it and gradually the whole affair and the men rose into the air in a zigzag fashion. When they had cleared the telegraph wires that pass over the mountain, two lights, like electric lamps, shone out, and the thing went higher into the air and sailed away across Cardiff."

Lethbridge told reporters that the craft had wheel-like attachments on the carriage's bottom and a "whirling fan" on the tail.

On the night of May 20th witnesses in Wales and Ireland saw a cigar-shaped object "with two clear lights in front and traveling at a considerable pace across the sky."

The *London Weekly Dispatch* listed 22 locations where airships had been seen during the week before May 23rd, plus an additional 19 reports made during March and May. C. S. Rolls, founder of Britain's Aero Club, suggested that some reports

may have been hoaxes but admitted that others could not be so easily explained.

But these events—whose ramifications were worldwide, as we shall see later—hit Britain in early January 1913. If the Sheerness report could be shrugged off, as it was after the initial panic subsided, the same would not happen to the report that came in from Dover on January 4th—especially when others followed in unnervingly rapid succession.

During the early morning hours, road inspector John Hobbs heard the sound of motors in the air, looked up and saw a light speeding toward him from the sea in a northeasterly direction. Hobbs could see nothing else, but a policeman, who also heard the roar, testified, "It could only have been a very powerfully engined aircraft to have flown in such a wind, and daring airmanship was also involved in the flight."

Meanwhile South Wales also had an aerial puzzle to ponder. On January 6th, at about 10 p.m., two lights maneuvered in the sky over an army fort near the coast of Lavernock and the Bristol Channel. The objects were visible for about an hour before they moved off together toward the west.

For the British, no further proof was necessary; they were sure an enemy power, presumably Germany, was conducting aerial surveillance of strategic areas. The Bristol Channel forts had been built to protect the ships that delivered coal from Wales to other British ports. In wartime a nation cut off from its coal supply had no chance of survival. On January 13th the *London Times* ominously noted, "There is reason to believe that the mysterious airship . . . is the Hansa, a Zeppelin airship."

(But it wasn't. While Germany's Zeppelins certainly were capable of crossing the English Channel—an airship dropped bombs on Britain during WW I—in 1913 they were not doing so.)

At Cardiff on January 17th, Capt. Lionel Lindsay, Chief Constable of Glamorganshire, spotted a strange aerial phenomenon. "At a quarter to five I noticed the object," he reported. "It was dusk and foggy, so that one could not define it. It was much larger and moved faster than the Willows airship and left in its trail a dense volume of smoke. I called the attention of a bystander to the object and he agreed it was some large object. It disappeared quickly." Another witness outside Cardiff said the craft, which carried a light and traveled at a very fast speed, changed direction from due west to northwest.

A week later, on the evening of January 25th, two sightings occurred, suggesting—as the British Channel report had earlier—that at least two "airships" were "violating" British air space. For an hour and a half, an unidentified aircraft flew over Liverpool at about 25 miles per hour. As it did so, it flashed a "very brilliant light."

At around the same time, residents of the village of Chancery watched a strange object with searchlights flying toward Cardigan Bay. When its searchlights hit the sea, the machine turned south and headed toward Carmarthenshire.

On February 1st, an airship reappeared over Glamorganshire, and the same night, the servants of Col. Henry Lewis of Greenmeadow, Cardiff, sighted a craft moving westward. The following evening an Averavon constable saw something over Swansea Bay and several witnesses said they could detect the outline of an airship reflected in the light it carried.

Three days later Newport, Cardiff, Neath and other areas in South Wales reported the passage of a "dirigible" with a bright light. It was to be the last sighting for 14 days—at least in Britain.

In Canada a weird incident took place over Toronto on Feburary 10th, involving what witnesses called a "fleet of airships."

The objects were first sighted by occupants of the Knox Building on West Wellington Street. In R. A. Adams's words:

"At first I took the objects to be a peculiar cloud formation, but when I called some others in, they backed up my belief that they were neither birds nor smoke.

"They crossed our range of vision at about the center of Queen's Hotel flagpole and seemed to be far out over the lake. There was no smoke or snow at the time. Our vision on the fifth floor is limited by the Northway Building on the west and the Irving Building on the east, and so we could not see how far east they went."

"They passed from west to east in three groups of two each," M. G. McTaggart said, "and then returned west in a more scattered formation, about seven or eight in all."

UFOs were back in England on February 21st. Policemen and colliers on their way home from work saw a large airship with three lights. It had come from the direction of Leicester and was moving toward Birmingham.

Another object appeared over the district of Selby, about halfway between Hull and Leeds, at the very same time. The craft hovered in the air for about 20 minutes, flashing its searchlight and skirting the roofs of houses before vanishing in a northerly direction "at great speed." Earlier, at about eight o'clock, a fruit merchant named Creasor had seen an airship with a powerful searchlight near Riccall, three miles north of Selby.

The *Selby Express* said the "airship" was really the planet Venus, but this explanation failed to satisfy most witnesses.

But it was not Venus that the captain and second officer of the Great Central Railway steamer *City of Leeds* saw late in the afternoon of February 22nd. The unlighted object was flying high above them heading west-southwest from the North Sea in the direction of Grimsby. It was visible for almost two minutes.

In the following weeks airships with searchlights appeared over Gosport, Ipswich, Hornsea, Portland Harbor, and many other locations. Invariably the objects were reported as cigar-shaped, with lights, sounds of motors and—when visibility was good—a propeller. On February 28th, the crew of the trawler *Othello*, watched a strange aerial object circle twice around their ship and flash a blinding searchlight on them. Then the object climbed and disappeared to the west.

Germany, reputedly the home of all of these airships, had its own scare on March 12th, when two women reported seeing an "airship in distress" near Potsdam. The fire brigades of three villages, about 40 riflemen from the local garrison, and a number of policemen and medical attendants rushed to the scene. They searched until early morning, but couldn't find a trace of the craft or its occupants. The witnesses, however, stuck to their stories, saying they had seen the object smoking and then bursting into flame.

(Years later, in 1946, northern Europe would be plagued by similar "ghost rockets"—missile-like objects which would be seen to crash but which would never leave a trace.)

German authorities vigorously denied that they had anything to do with the unidentified airships over Britain. Some of the more dispassionate commentators took them at their word. "Non-German

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authorities in Berlin whose business it is to carefully observe German aerial developments," *The New York Times'* London correspondent wrote, "express the opinion that it is wholly beyond the range of possibility for any German airship, even the most powerful Zeppelin, to venture on a secret trip to England. Such a vessel would, they say, be discovered, recognized and reported times without number." The *London Standard's* military expert wondered why, if the ships were indeed coming from Germany, no one had noticed them in those European countries between there and England—particularly when they would have had to fly in daylight to make their nocturnal appearances over Liverpool, Selby, Sheerness, and the other areas.

The mystery airships appeared for the last time over Cardiff on April 8th. Crowds gathered to view it passing high overhead and Chief Constable Lindsay, who had seen the same or a similar object on January 17th, said it was traveling from 60 to 70 miles an hour (an incredible speed for the time) and moving southeast toward the Bristol Channel. It carried the usual "brilliant light."

And so, as far as Britain was concerned, the "flap" was over. But for another part of the world UFOs would again baffle mankind.

Near dusk on June 29th a fast moving airship sailed over a Lansing, Mich., racetrack while a race was in progress. "So swiftly did the strange craft travel," the *Lansing State Journal* reported, "that it was not more than three minutes until it had passed from sight in the northwest. The aerial mystery carried no lights of any description and was too elongated for an ordinary balloon . . . The craft was at a great height and when it passed to the northwest of the city had reached a still higher altitude."

In 1968 Lloyd L. Arnold, who lived in Lansing in 1913, told ufologist Gary Larreategui of his own sighting made some time that same summer:

"The sun had barely sunk below the horizon, and scarcely a cloud was in the sky. I was seven or eight years old at the time and was outside our corner house, waiting for the arrival of the lamplighter to light the gas street light nearby. Glancing up, I was surprised to see a golden-colored oval-shaped object traveling eastward and much more rapidly than anything with which we were then familiar. It was perfectly delineated and was well lighted by the setting sun, which would probably account for its golden hue.

"When it passed due south of me, it was about a half mile away, approximately 500 feet up, and doing what I would judge to be 100 to 200 miles per hour. There was no wind whatsoever at ground level. All in all, it was as clear a sighting as possible.

"With shouts I attracted the attention of my parents and the neighbors to the craft and they all viewed it with surprise and alarm. 'Must be a meteor,' was the verdict, of course, because that was about the only term applicable in our vocabulary in that pre-aircraft time. It was better than 100 feet in diameter and moved without a sound. It traveled much too fast for any balloon. It was definitely a UFO."

Whatever they might have been, the phantom airships of 1913 were not German Zeppelins, as any history of these craft will attest. So what were they?

That is not an easy question to answer. Perhaps the best we can do is explain what they were a *part* of: a complicated, perplexing series of airship sightings that over a 50 to 60 year period affected countries as far away from Great Britain as the U.S., New Zealand and South Africa. Everywhere the pattern was the same: weird dirigible-shaped objects, piloted by human or humanoid beings, sailed about in carefree fashion triggering national panics, and inspiring wild rumors about foreign powers or secret inventors, until finally they disappeared without a trace. Few aviation historians have ever heard of these incidents. One of the exceptions is Charles H. Gibbs-Smith, a leading authority on early aviation, who has said he has no explanation for the mystery. The reported sightings do not conform to what is known about the level of aerial technology during the periods in question, he remarks, and he suggests that the enigmatic airships be viewed in a UFO context.

> "... In 1914, South Africans sighted unknown objects they compared to Zeppelins. In that year there was not a single airplane capable of flying in the entire Union of South Africa; there wasn't even an airfield ..."

We know next to nothing about the origins of the phenomenon, except that sightings apparently were made in northern Europe in the late 1850s. We know this only because in 1896 and 1897, when airship reports inundated America, immigrants from Sweden and Germany remarked that similar objects had plagued their native countries some 40 years before. They offered no details and so far European ufologists have not researched the contemporary accounts.

In the U.S., though, our first known mystery airship passed over Galisteo Junction (now Lamy), N.M., on Mar. 26, 1880. The craft's 10 occupants were of normal appearance and they dropped a flower, a cup, and a slip of fine silk-like paper overboard, and then flew away. The next day a man who identified himself as a "collector of curiosities" arrived on the sCene and disappeared with this physical evidence of the passage of an early unidentified flying object.

After the mammoth UFO wave of 1897, sightings continued sporadically. On Mar. 17, 1903, the Brosius family of rural Helmer, Ind., saw something very strange hovering in the eastern sky over a neighbor's pasture. It was, Madge Brosius Allen recalled in 1971, "a huge object like a gigantic ripe cucumber with slightly tapered ends, brilliantly aglow despite the fact that the sun had set more than an hour before." It had eight lighted windows on the side—four above and four below a median line. After five minutes the craft took off "zigzagging across the sky like a child's balloon when you let go of the nozzle."

At 1:30 a.m. Aug. 2, 1905, J. A. Jackson of Silshee, Calif., observed "the form of an airship, apparently about 70 feet long, with a searchlight in front and several other lights aboard. The mysterious machine appeared to be propelled by wings alone and rose and fell as the wings flapped like a gigantic bird." Other witnesses in the area confirmed Jackson's account.

A year later, in 1906, a Mitchell, S.D., boy named Herbert DeMott allegedly boarded an airship that had landed. The object had come to rest near his family's well. "As I approached it," DeMott recalled, "a door rolled back and I was welcomed inside. Its two occupants sat inside on camp stools." They looked like ordinary human beings and they spoke fluent English, but they would not tell him where they were from.

"The outer shell of the craft was filled with helium gas, and when the lever was moved the magnetism from the Earth was cut off," DeMott said. In this fashion the ship was able to ascend. He claimed that the occupants took water from the farm's horse trough for use in manufacturing electricity.

A full accounting of the great 1909-10 American airship scare would be too long to be entirely recounted here. However, the first sighting was made Sept. 8, 1909, on Long Island, N.Y. By December all of New England was buzzing with stories and rumors about airships, whose inventor allegedly was Wallace E. Tillinghast of Worcester, Mass. Tillinghast's claim was obviously a fraud since the airships were larger than anything that could have been successfully flown in 1909. Tillinghast dropped out of sight quickly but the sightings continued.

Tens of thousands of people viewed an airship that was an enormous cigar-shaped craft that had lights, wings, and a brilliant searchlight. When it appeared over Providence, R.I., the night of December 23rd, the *Providence Journal* noted, "The power behind it was of terrific force, it is said, and the speed with which the structure supporting it traveled was so great as to strike a degree of fear in the hearts of some who gazed in wonderment."

By January 1910, residents of Arkansas, Alabama, and Tennessee were seeing airships. A final sighting occurred on August 30th, when "a long black object" soared over Manhattan. Hundreds of witnesses heard the unmistakable sound of engines.

As we already have mentioned, airships were sighted in Britain in 1909. They also showed up in New Zealand starting in the last week of July that same year. For the next six weeks skywatchers were rewarded with glimpses of the mysterious "invaders."

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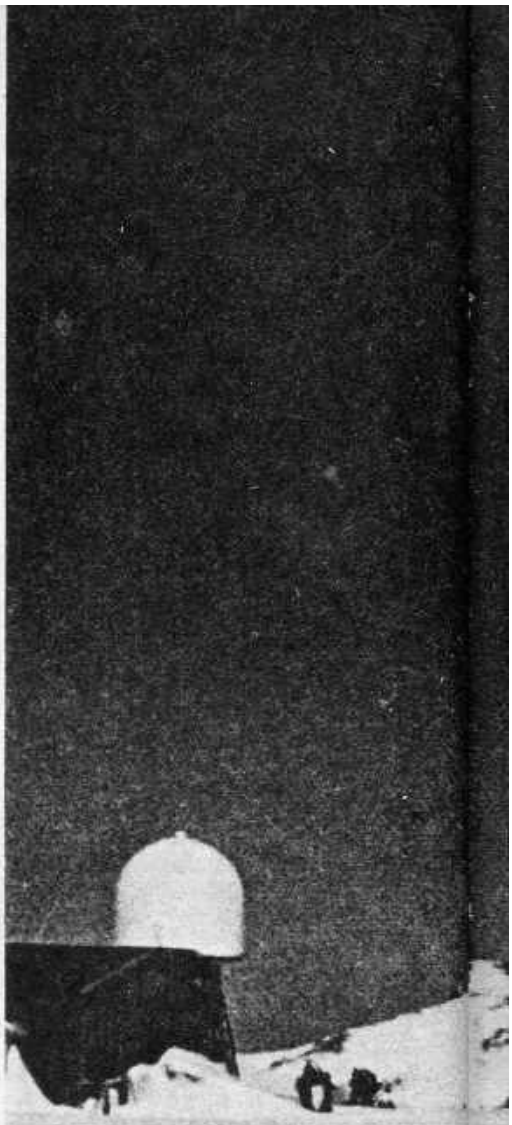
SCIENTISTS' CHANGING ATTITUDE TOWARD FLYING SAUCERS

By Timothy Green Beckley



Despite an effective blackout concerning UFO news in the mass media, the list of impressive sightings continues to grow.

As a result of this wave of new reports streaming in from around the world, highly regarded scientists, professors, and businessmen are beginning to openly admit their increased concern and growing interest in the UFO phenomena.

An Apollo 17 Moon walker, a pioneer of private aviation, and a top research scientist are among those impatient for the truth concerning the "mysterious hovering discs" we have come to call flying saucers.

What are they? Where do they come from? How did they get here? Is there an intelligence controlling them? If so, what do the beings look like? And most important of all—what do they want?

Questions such as these have plagued serious researchers for decades. And today, they're just as troubling to the impressive list of backers calling for an all-out no-nonsense investigation of the flying saucer enigma.

The ranks of UFO believers now harbors such converts as:

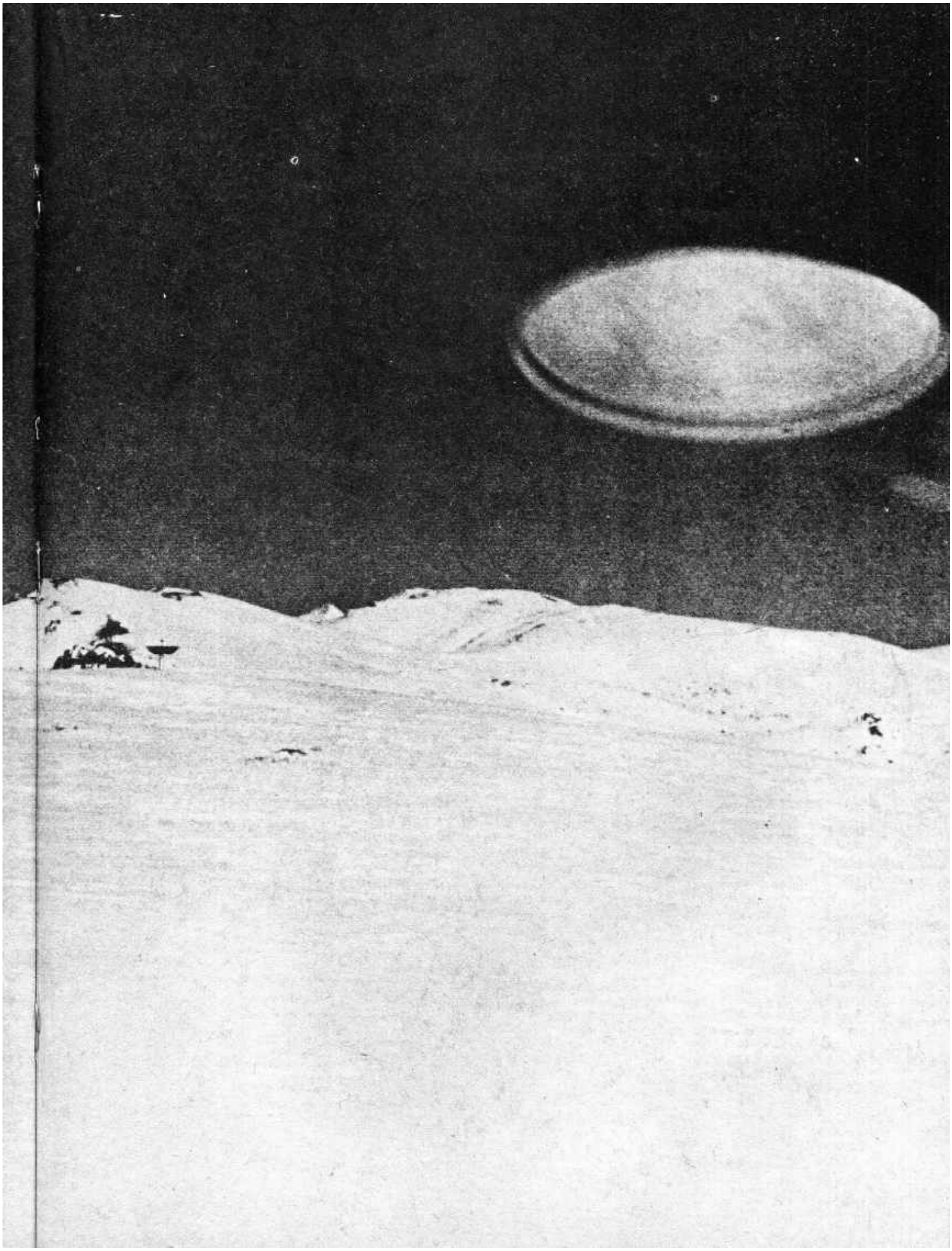
- Dr. Thornton Page, astronomer;
- John Northrop, aviation pioneer;
- Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Wyoming;
- James Hurtak, professor, California Institute of Arts;
- Eugene A. Cernan, astronaut, and Commander of the Apollo 17 Moon flight;
- Dr. Garry Henderson, senior research scientist, General Dynamics Corporation;
- Dr. James Harder, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, University of California;
- Prof. Hermann Oberth, "Father of Astronautics"; and
- Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, psychiatrist.

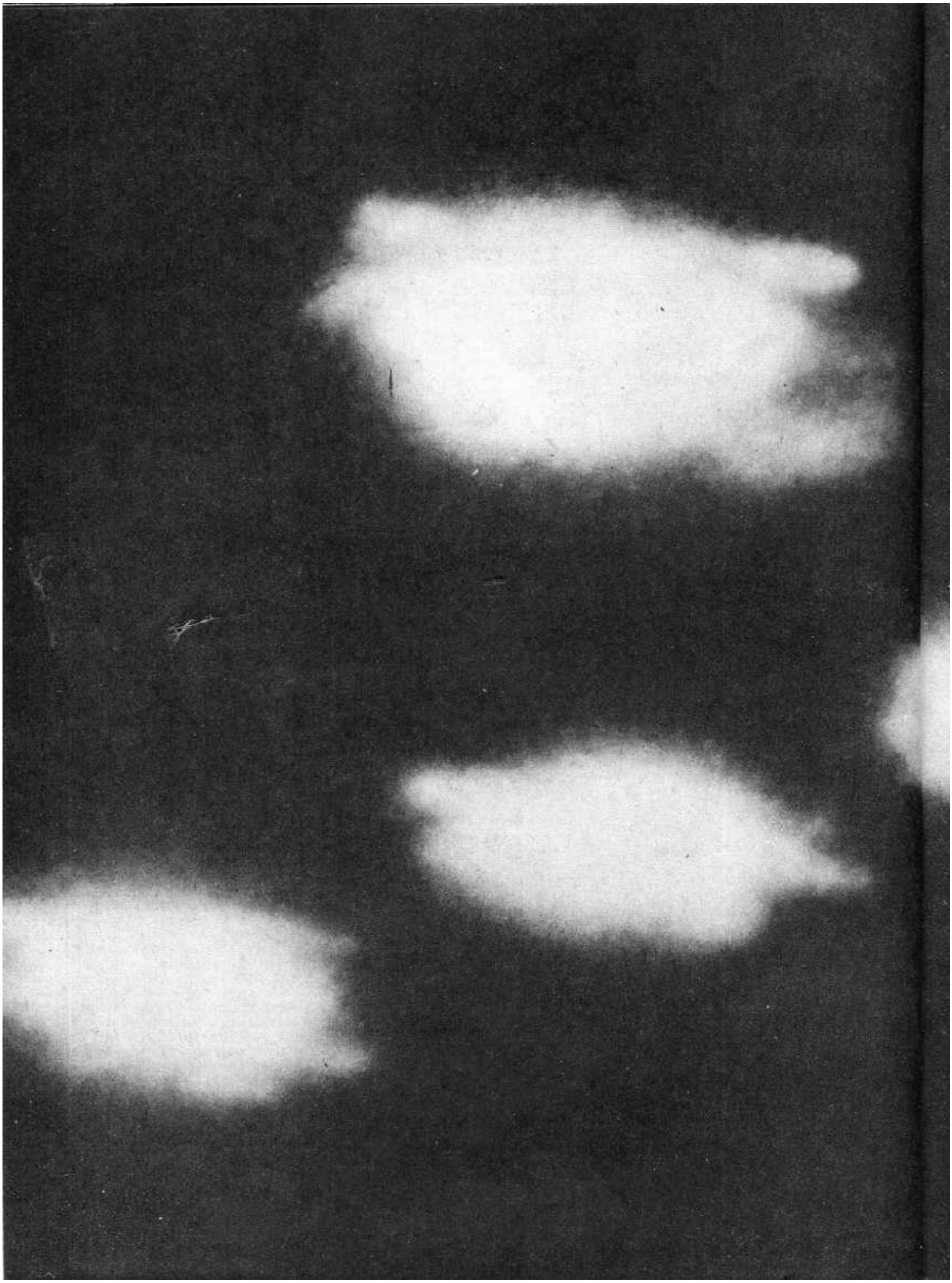
Sightings of intelligently controlled strange objects for centuries have stirred popular emotion and at times have caused crises and panics. However, it has not been until modern times that men of science have given the subject serious consideration.

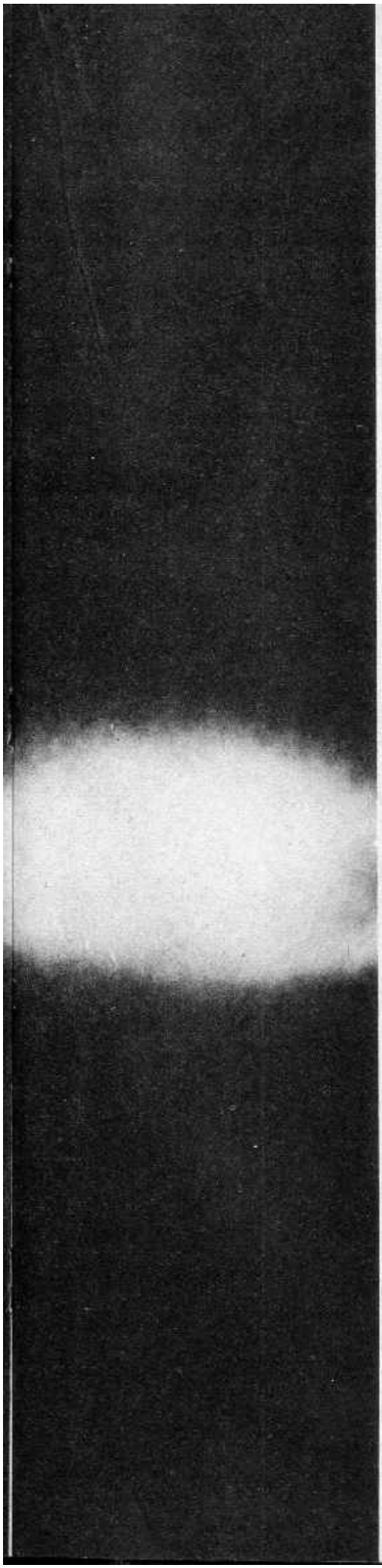
During a meeting of fellow scientists in Boston, Dr. Thornton Page, a highly acclaimed Wesleyan University astronomer, voiced his belief that there is a worldwide mystery involving UFOs and that this puzzle should be investigated and solved at once.

Dr. Page based his statement on a number of "conclusive" cases obtained firsthand. One report Dr. Page strongly emphasized was supported by eyewitness testimony from two police officers as well as dozens of additional observers.

On a mountaintop, high above the quiet city of Deadwood, S.D., two spellbound police officers sat in their darkened patrol







car watching a huge white sphere hanging motionless in the pitch-black sky.

The evening of September 22nd had started out typically for the pair of lawmen until a little before 2:30 a.m., when one of them happened to glance up and noticed a globe-shaped object gliding noiselessly in from the northeast.

To get a better view of the object the two men abandoned their regular patrol of U.S. Highway 14 and proceeded to a more advantageous viewing point high above the city.

Getting out of their car the lawmen turned their spotlight in the direction of the suspended object. The instant the light beam hit the UFO, the object turned into a black silhouette in the moonlit sky.

After approximately 20 minutes the officers noticed a smaller white object, moving from the northwest toward the larger UFO. Suddenly, another object streaked in from the southeast and hovered near the larger ship. After a while the larger craft moved to the right, then down, then to the left, and up again, as if drawing a square in the air. During this process, the larger ship sent out occasional blue shafts of light toward the ground that lasted from three to five seconds.

Again the two officers aimed their spotlight on the object only to have the "mother ship" blink out once more.

Amid this excitement the radio in their patrol car crackled with news: others in nearby communities had reported seeing this same formation.

Finally, 30 minutes after their initial appearance, the smaller objects shot off in the directions they had come. Yet, the original ship remained in its same position for at least 25 minutes more. Then, it moved off toward the southeast, picking up more speed with every second.

Dazed and confused, the officers began the drive down the mountain road. They hurried to Deadwood's police headquarters, where a complete report was filed.

Before their sighting, they admitted they had been hard-nosed skeptics about flying saucers and had disregarded sightings which had been pouring into their station for several weeks. They now realized what they had seen and what others had observed and it could no longer be dismissed.

Although the above account sounds as if it might have been taken from a dramatic film script, this incident was true according to Dr. Thornton Page. He, and other men of similar backgrounds are suggesting that the secrecy lid be at last taken off and the public be told the truth about UFOs.

One of the most positive statements to be made about UFOs in recent years comes from a pioneer of aviation in America.

In a lecture before students and faculty at Cal Tech University, John Northrop emphasized his belief that flying saucers are the work of a race of beings 10,000 years technologically more advanced than our own.

Northrop, now 91, was the co-founder of the huge Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and president of Northrop Aviation. He is generally considered as one of a handful of men responsible for the success of early commercial aviation in this country.

"I am of the opinion that the people who are responsible for piloting the UFOs seen in our skies are physicists from some other world keeping a watchful eye on our development over the centuries," he said.

Furthermore, Northrop said that he feels that these ships were "being flown by scientists from some other realm much more advanced and scientifically sophisticated than our own."

Although the aviation expert admitted he had never seen a UFO himself, he is convinced that they are "very real." According to Northrop, one of his close friends and chief pilots observed *something* which defies all explanation.

"Test pilot Max Stanley was en route from Texas to California flying one of our planes when he sighted a strange translucent object at around 80,000 feet. It defied all known principles of aeronautics, and even flew 'sideways' during the time it was within Max's viewing range.

"I don't know what Stanley saw but there are hundreds of similar reports coming from equally reliable sources: pilots, radar technicians, astronomers, military personnel, and police officers."

Northrop, whose career in aeronautical engineering spans nearly 60 years, said, "I am convinced that there was a phenomenon in the sky, at that time, which did not show characteristics which could be explained by physical laws as we know them."

Regarding the Condon report which received so much publicity several years ago, Northrop feels this could be one of the biggest blunders of our present era. "I think the serious scientific community of the 21st Century will end up laughing at Condon's whitewash. I have indications that it was one of the most deliberate cover ups ever perpetrated on the American public."

Northrop told the audience of 1,200 students and faculty that UFOs were nothing new, and "reports obviously go back as far as 25,000 years."

Perhaps the biggest surprise of all came when he told those present, that he was both puzzled and concerned over the worldwide increase of "close level" sightings in which otherwise "trustworthy" citizens were claiming to have actually come within a short distance of these objects, and in some cases even spoken to their humanoid occupants.

Indeed, Northrop's public comments (and similar pro-UFO statements from other men of prominence) appear to have been made at a very crucial time. For at this moment all reports indicate that we are in the midst of a new wave of sightings. And this time, the results could be catastrophic. It is a flap that as yet has not attracted the full attention of the press, but does seem to have brought about an unexpected change in the attitude of the establishment.

Reports filtering into the UFO Research Committee of Seattle, Wash., since early

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ARE UFOs HERE TO SAVE THE EARTH?

By Otto O. Binder

Almost everything about the flying saucer phenomenon is a mystery. But the most baffling question about these strange alien craft that haunt our skies is *why have they come to Earth.* Do they have a purpose? A mission? A goal?

Are UFOs here simply to observe us scientifically? Or are they secretly digging up some kind of "treasure" in minerals or vital metals? Or preventing nuclear war, planning our conquest, keeping us "quarantined" from contaminating outer space with our warlike tendencies or planning to eventually "uplift" civilization on Earth? Any number of motives could be thought up to explain their presence by sheer guesswork alone.

But one motive that is much more than guesswork seems to thread its way throughout all UFO data with dramatic impact—*the UFOnauts are here to save the Earth from utter catastrophe!*

Wild? Incredible? Unbelievable? Perhaps, but let's examine some very startling statistics and revelations about the Earth itself, indicating that our world may really be heading for disaster.

And if so, we can readily see why the UFO starmen could be concerned and why they might be trying to prevent this catastrophe. As in my two previous articles, they may be leading mankind to the stars (SAGA, March 1972) and preparing earthmen to join the grand "United Worlds" in our galaxy (SAGA's UFO REPORT, Spring 1974) but they couldn't do this easily if the human race were wiped out. Hence, their more immediate task would be to stop Earth from being listed in the obituary column of galactic worlds.

That I am not alone in this belief, is borne out by what Gordon Creighton of England, distinguished scientific researcher of UFO phenomena, said after reviewing all the evidence of flying saucers constantly being sighted over or near the major fault lines of Earth: "I regret to have to say that I think the most *probable* reason for at least some—if not all—of the current activities of alien beings in the sky and in the sea and on the surface of our planet is that they are watching some process that is now taking place within the bowels of Earth." He means that such events taking place within the inner core of our planet represent a potential upheaval on a cataclysmic scale. Creighton implies the aliens are here only to *observe* the possibly rare cosmic spectacle of a living world meeting doom, whereas there is also the believable premise that they will try to prevent the catastrophe. It seems intellectually irrational that they are cold-bloodedly taking "grandstand seats" to observe the tragic demise of a civilization of billions of intelligent beings. Surely the flying saucer occupants are not sadists who rush around all over the galaxy to watch inhabited worlds die in agony.

But is Earth *really* in danger of oblivion through rampaging natural forces? The following *facts* about our planet are on record and can be confirmed. They add up to an alarming pattern that could truly threaten the wholesale annihilation of the human race, or a good part of it, in the all too near future.

• Since 1904, earthquakes around the world have *increased* in frequency *fourfold*.

• *Undersea* volcanic activity has steadily risen in quantity and violence.

• Along with that, there are oceanographic soundings showing that the floor of the Atlantic ocean has been pushing upward (up to 2,000 feet in some places) *as if ancient Atlantis were rising out of the deep.*

• In the past decade, meteorological factors have changed radically, triggering weird weather conditions around the world, including unprecedented droughts, floods, blizzards, tornadoes, hurricanes, and destructive storms of all kinds.

Coupled with this, and being partly the cause, is the very abnormal behavior of our sun in the past two decades, which has had direct and indirect effects on Earth's atmosphere, the Van Allen radiation belts, and the thermal balance of the entire planet. These solar anomalies are:

• Between 1956-58, the sun's magnetic field reversed its polarity for the first time in millions of years;

• Sunspots have increased in number and size to three times normal; and

• Some of the largest eruptions in the sun's incandescent surface, called flares, have occurred within the last three years.

Unusual solar explosions. Weird weather. Increased earthquake activity. All point to an unknown fate for civilization before the end of the 20th Century. One researcher has made a convincing case to prove that UFOs are here to prevent impending natural and manmade catastrophe.

We can add a third factor that will frighten anyone believing in paranormal powers possessed by human beings:

• An overwhelming majority of famous psychics or "seers" (such as Jeane Dixon) have independently predicted that a worldwide holocaust will *overwhelm Earth before the year 2000.*

Taking each item in turn, let's see what possible connection there is to UFOs.

Strange Weather

If you do not believe the weather has become steadily more unusual, note these comments:

"It was freakish all over the world in 1972," states the bulletin of the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Ireland, for instance, had the coldest June in 100 years, while Moscow had its hottest summer. Other parts of Russia did not fare so well and ice in the Black and the Caspian Seas stayed a month longer than normal and reached a record-breaking thickness. Spain saw more rain than any time since 1859, and floods wreaked havoc among vineyards, destroying three-quarters of the crop in the La Manchea area.

In July, whirlwinds in Finland blew down 70 square miles of forest. Gales reached the "astonishing" force of 160 miles per hour in the Harz Mountains in Germany and swept across northern Europe to kill 54 people and smash thousands of homes. The cold in Canada and its arctic regions "spawned 10 times the average number of icebergs in the western North Atlantic." Over 48 weather "disasters" struck the U.S., topped by Hurricane Agnes in June with its terrible toll of 122 people killed in five states. Sioux Falls, S.D., recorded 86 degrees below zero in January, the lowest since 1918, while Concordia, Kans., sweated in 86-degree heat a month later, their highest temperature for 87 years.

On the other side of the world during the same time in 1972, India baked in a frightful heatwave that killed 750 people. On the west coast of Japan wind and rainstorms knocked down 3,300 houses and killed 464 people. In June, an incredible 26 inches of rain set off disastrous mudslides near Hong Kong and over 100 lives were lost. Australia paradoxically had seven times as much rain in the east while the west suffered the severest drought in their recorded history. Another freakish contrast was the Rhine River in Germany that dropped to its lowest level in 25 years in October, then rose by November, 34 days later, to a high only reached four times in the past 60 years.

Did the weather return to normal in 1973? Hardly!

The *Los Angeles Times* of Apr. 21, 1973, had the headline—*WEIRD WEATHER!* "A freak thunderstorm, complete with snow and hail, hit scattered sections of San Diego." The storm, which crackled and roared for two hours, was completely unexpected according to a "perplexed forecaster" who failed to see it coming.

Texas was "blitzed" by a series of tornadoes in March 1973, causing President Nixon to declare two counties disaster areas. Eight cities were struck by the violent winds, leaving a wide swath of smashed homes, demolished buildings, and scores of dead and injured. It was the worst Texas tornado ever.

Two months later in May, the South and Midwest regions got hit as overheated air began to spin in larger and larger spirals that grew into a roaring monster that swept across the land. Alabama and Arkansas were hardest hit but before it was over, 11 states saw devastation that killed 48 and left untold destruction in its wake. Like a broadside from nature, the raging winds also screeched through Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia.

The National Weather Service in Washington tabulated 160 separate tornadoes in the weekend between noon Friday and noon Monday, and labeled it "the worst 72-hour period on record."

"There has never been in anybody's memory such a period lasting that number of days," said Herbert Lieb of the Weather Service.

Had nature done its worst? Had it used up its arsenal of monster storms? Not that anybody could notice! The above storm

only marked the halfway point and by September 25th, tornado number 930 set a new all-time record for the number of twisters in the U.S. in any one year. The first few months of 1974 saw no improvement. By all accounts, the tornadoes that ripped through the midwest in early April were the most destructive on record.

Additional weather bureau statistics tell a grim long-range story. From 1916 through 1935, there was an average of 136 tornadoes per year. From 1952 to 1972, however, the annual average had shockingly climbed to 659—almost five times the previous rate. And from 1970 to 1973, the total for each year was over 700, another unwelcome record.

Following in the wake of tornadoes and hurricanes are often equally destructive floods. But even these are dwarfed by the worst of spring floods. In April 1973, the Mississippi River rose higher and higher and then spilled over its banks at hundreds of places. From the Great Lakes down to the Gulf of Mexico, torrential rains fed the Mississippi, Missouri, and all their tributaries. Almost 11 million acres, much of it farmland, was inundated in eight bordering states. More than 30,000 people were evacuated from their homes. At St. Louis, Mo., the waters crested at the highest level since 1764. The Yazoo River peaked at 102 feet above sea level, another incredible record.

In perhaps the understatement of the year, Col. John Foley of the harassed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that was engaged in repairing the damage, said, "This is the wettest spring on record."

Almost every state was hit hard by the winter of 1972-73 on into the next five months. Snow, rain and floods created havoc with farm crops and livestock in midwest and southern states. Five states lost a total 207,000 head of cattle. Four states reported delayed planting that would cut their crops by 30 percent. Three states had 33,000 acres underwater after flooding, that were useless for planting the rest of the year.

What is the meaning of all this violent weather? Is it just a freakish year or two—or something more significant?

Taking a longer view at the world's weather picture, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has issued what amounts to a warning: "Drastic changes in the Earth's climate are now underway," and the report goes on to say that the main feature of our recent weather in the U.S. has been the way it "jumps around crazily." One area may have bitterly cold weather one year and mild conditions the next. A drought area will suddenly become flooded. Temperatures will shoot from highs to lows for no reason. But the main factor is that the world's temperature is slowly but steadily dropping. From this they predict encroaching "glacial conditions" in the next 100 years that may bring on a new Ice Age.

However, they may be wrong. Long before a century has passed, Earth's "crazy weather" may increase to insanely destructive weather that will obliterate our civilization.

This alarmist prediction is bolstered by other natural forces that are being unleashed around the world. Impending disaster faces four continents, said scientists at a London conference on meteorology, because of widespread droughts that have struck in the past few years. As a result, because of crop failures and damage, millions of people face near starvation in such areas as Africa, India, and many parts of Asia and Central America.

Another danger sign is that earthquakes and volcanic activity have greatly increased in recent years. As one example, Mount Etna in Sicily erupted in May 1971, pouring rivers of molten lava down its scarred slopes and came close to wiping out several villages. It was the first time since 1928 that Europe's highest volcanic peak erupted.

Wild weather is difficult for anyone to tame. But erupting volcanoes are specific earthly convulsions that UFOs can focus on and perhaps do something about. At any rate, UFOs are almost invariably reported around active volcanoes, often *before* they erupt. Reports have come in from Mount Etna, for instance, of hovering shapes in the sky, from the dangerous Trazu Volcano in Costa Rica, and many others around the globe. Today there are no less than 400 active volcanoes on Earth.

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But most of the volcano eruptions are unseen, beneath the oceans. There, along the "World Fault Line" that runs under the Atlantic from north to south and over to the Pacific Ocean, deep-sea volcanoes are increasingly becoming more active. Most of these upheavals occur deep enough to be smothered by layers of water but occasionally, spumes of ash and hot gases burst through the surface like geysers. Sometimes a tiny new island is formed as an undersea peak pours out enough lava to harden and build itself up to the surface.

In general the world's volcanic activity is multiplying and adding its bit to the dangerous upheavals of Earth's crust that can culminate in the end of the world as we know it—unless UFOs have something to say about it.

And it is quite possible that the undersea domain is as much under "danger patrol" as Earth's surface. In 1965, when the U.S. Navy carrier *Wasp* was practicing maneuvers, their sonar sensors suddenly picked up unbelievable signals. An unknown submersible of giant size, at a depth far below the range of conventional

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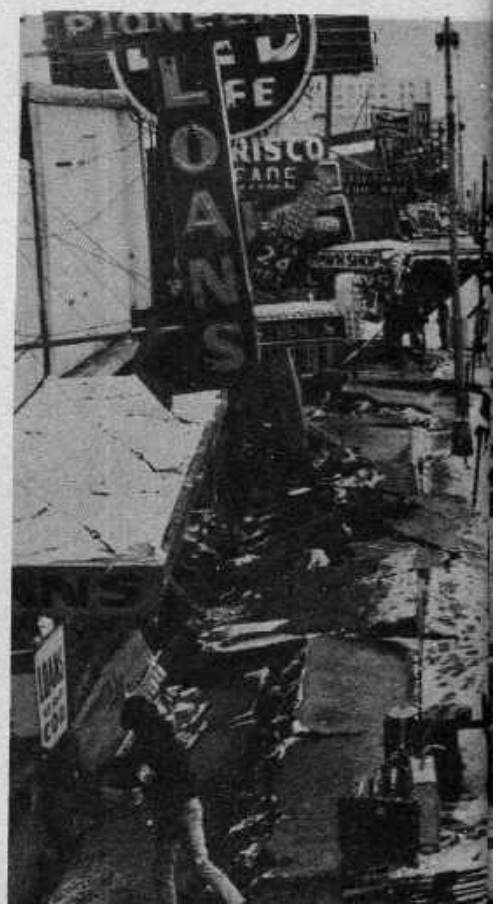
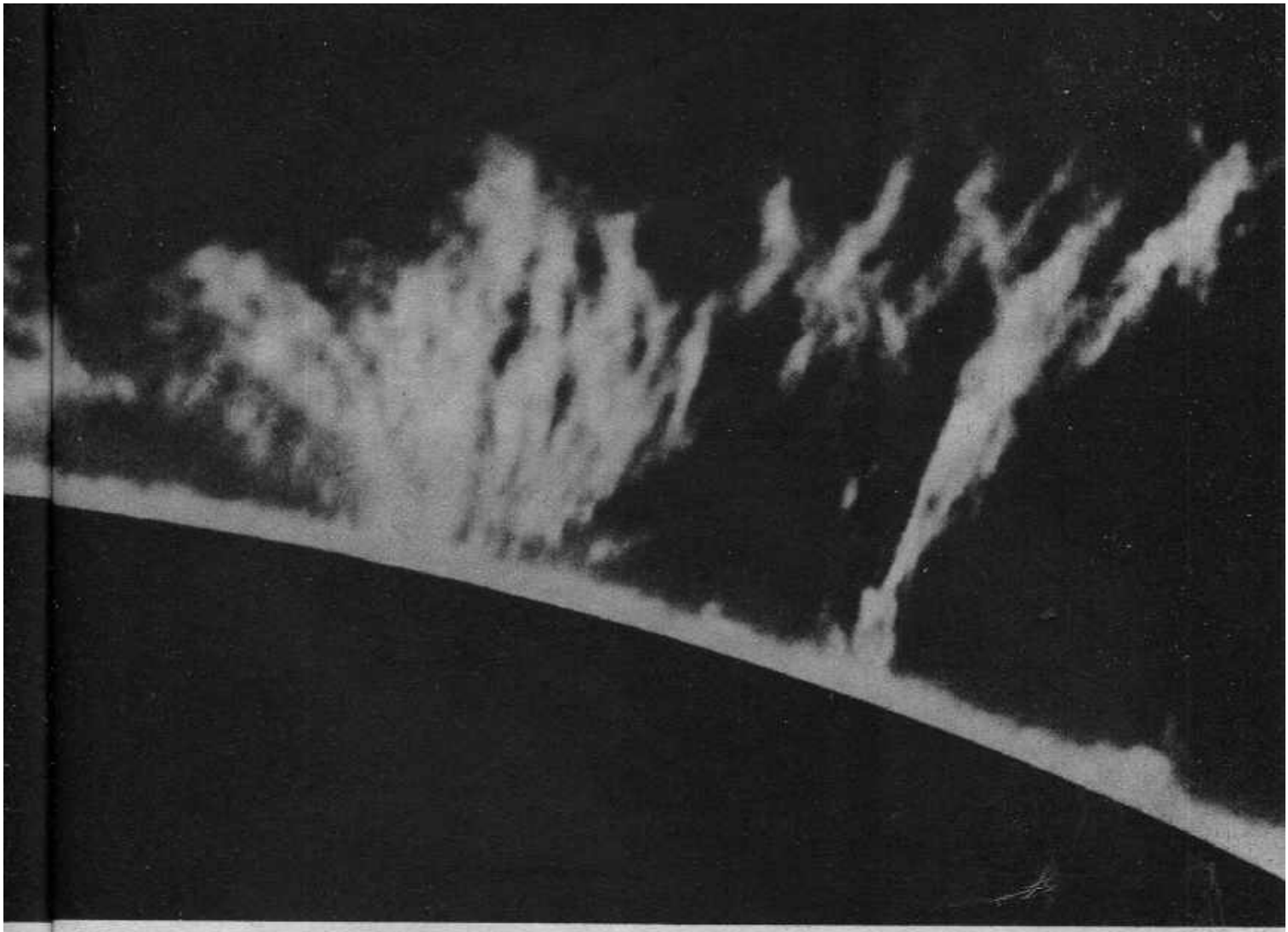
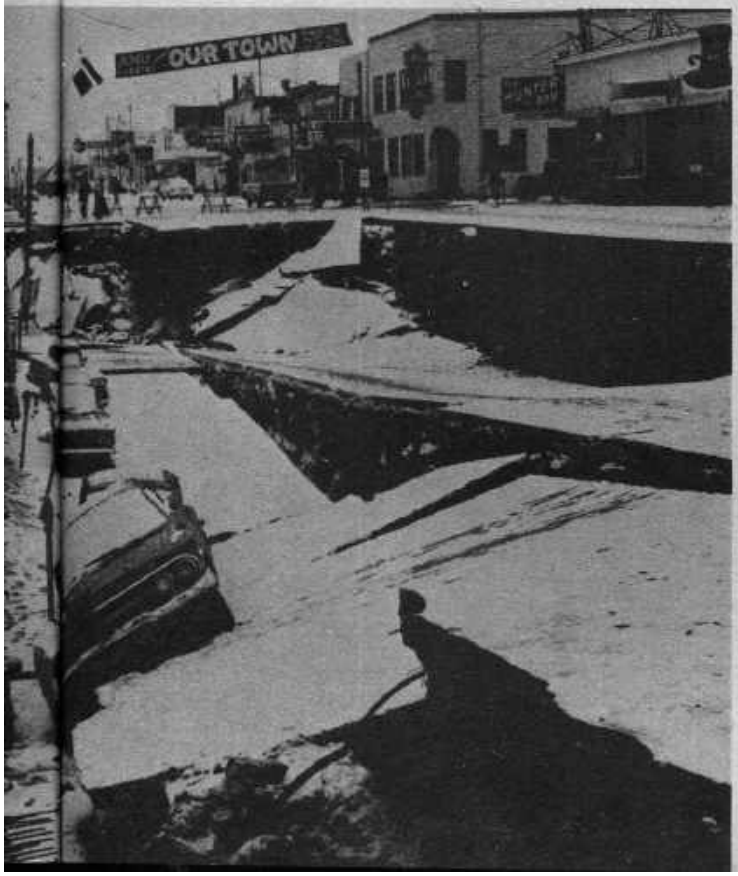





OUR TOWN

JAPAN'S MAN-DOG MYSTERY— IS IT A MONUMENT LEFT BEHIND BY ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS?

The Inu-Ningen, or Man-Dog, statue resembles the extraterrestrial seen by Akiko Nakayama.

A young woman's contact with strange visitors from outer space may have solved the centuries-old archeological mystery of Japan's "Man-Dog"— an ancient relic that amazingly resembles a modern day spaceman!

By Robert F. Dorr

Fukuoka, Japan

Is a recent wave of flying saucer sightings in western Japan related to a centuries-old riddle about the origin of an ancient sculpture resembling a creature from outer space?

Are UFOs reconnoitering the skies of Japan in preparation for their first contacts with human beings in at least 2,000 years? Were visitors from space here once before, in the dim and unrecorded past?

Unbelievable as it may sound, serious, levelheaded researchers are suggesting that a remote mountain slope near the city of Fukuoka, Japan, was explored by extraterrestial creatures just after the dawn of history *and is now attracting their interest again.* What's more remarkable, this is happening in Japan, a country where UFO sightings have never been a "craze" or a "fad."

A menacing, prehistoric statue on a mountainside and an attractive, mini-skirted young woman are the key figures in a new rash of speculation that outer space visitors are real, have been here before, and are watching this world—or at least Japan—today.

The statue, a kind of man-dog wearing a headpiece which curiously resembles an astronaut's helmet, is seven feet high and has been estimated as being 1,700 years old—relatively recent in archaeological terms but three times the age of, and unrelated to, the earliest known temples or relics recovered in Japan. The young woman, Akiko Nakayama, is five feet, two inches tall, 24 years old, a university student, and dismally unhappy about all the publicity that overwhelmed her ever since she reported seeing—*and being touched by*—UFO passengers from another world.

"I'm just sick of all the attention," she told a reporter for the newspaper *Minami Nihon Shinbun* in March 1974, six weeks after supposedly seeing strangers from the skies. The following month, Akiko told me, "My family has suffered, my friends ignore me, and I'm having difficulty with my schoolwork. I'd give anything if it hadn't happened. *But I saw them and they were real.*"

"They" are not a figment of Ms. Nakayama's imagination according to friends and teachers who know her, and at least one psychiatrist who has examined her. All agree that the young woman is stable, serious, and responsible. Whatever happened, all are convinced that Ms. Nakayama believes she saw extraterrestrials land in a flying saucer!

And the place where it happened is within a few miles of a mysterious man-dog replica, called *Inu-Ningen,* which Ms. Nakayama did not know about at the time.

Ms. Nakayama's "ordeal," as she calls it, began on the partly cloudy night of Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1974, when she and three college friends—two girls, two boys—were driving home to Fukuoka, the city of 880,000 which is the political, financial, and cultural center of western Japan on the island of Kyushu. Despite the cool and cloudy evening the quartet were in high spirits: they'd braved a chill breeze to enjoy a picnic on the immaculate beaches facing the Korea Strait.

Around 9:10 p.m., "about 20 kilometers (15 miles) from Fukuoka," as the car's driver, Taro Narahara, described it, the four students encountered a traffic jam and were slowed to virtually a halt on the narrow, two-lane highway. It took them several minutes to understand why the traffic wasn't moving: motorists had stopped to watch a series of colored lights zigzagging through the sky beneath a low cloud cover.

"I thought it was a fireworks display," Ms. Nakayama explained, "although it was not a holiday and there was no other reason for fireworks. We had been talking, anyway, about stopping to buy some soda to drink inside the car, so I told Taro that I would get out and look around . . . "

What happened up to this point is thoroughly documented by witnesses and was reported in the local newspaper *Fuku-Nichi* on February 14th. At least 400 persons along Route 202 from Imari to Fukuoka witnessed a series of bright, shimmering orange lights—some connected, others separate—cavorting at apparently low altitude. One witness was an American, Woody S. Widener, whose U.S. Navy supply ship, *White Plains,* is based at nearby Sasebo and has a helicopter on board. "I believed at first that I was watching some choppers perform maneuvers," Widener was quoted. "They certainly couldn't have been conventional aircraft because they were moving up and down, back and forth. After awhile, I didn't think they could be helicopters either . . . "

Investigations by the *Fuku-Nichi* reporter and others uncovered no evidence of any fireworks oisplay or helicopter flights that night.

One expert believes that Japan's "Man-Dog," the other prehistoric relics in Egypt, India, and Burma, and the mysterious symbols carved in the plains of Peru, were left behind eons ago by interplanetary visitors who've been returning to Earth every few hundred years.

Ms. Nakayama left the parked car and her friends in the small rural village of Hoshi-machi, most of whose homes and businesses were already shuttered and dark. She wasn't even paying attention to the two orange lights which now began crisscrossing above her in the sky. Thinking only of finding a small family store or a vending machine to buy a few sodas, she walked down a narrow alley which was at a right angle to the road.

Seeing what she thought was the neon sign of a small shop up ahead, Ms. Nakayama walked more than 200 yards to the edge of the village, facing an open rice paddy. The "light" materialized as a shimmering, semi-opaque orange object of indeterminate size, wobbling slightly, and hovering "about 10 meters (about 32 feet)" above the dry, flat paddy field. Beneath the object, standing on the ground, were two figures, walking around slowly, which some students of UFO sightings now believe were visitors from outer space!

"I was dumbfounded," explained Ms. Nakayama. "I wasn't thinking in terms of unidentified objects or spaceships, because that subject doesn't get much attention in Japan. But I felt I was watching something very strange and frightening. The two creatures were about 100 meters (325 feet) from me. They were bulky and appeared to have short, thick legs, and they seemed to be walking around as if impatient, waiting for something . . ."

Darkness, distance, and shadows all prevented this from being a "good" sighting. Furthermore, not a trained observer, Ms. Nakayama was preparing to turn and run, rather than move closer to the hovering object and the two creatures. Her experience would probably not contain much drama, or have gotten much publicity, were it not for what happened next.

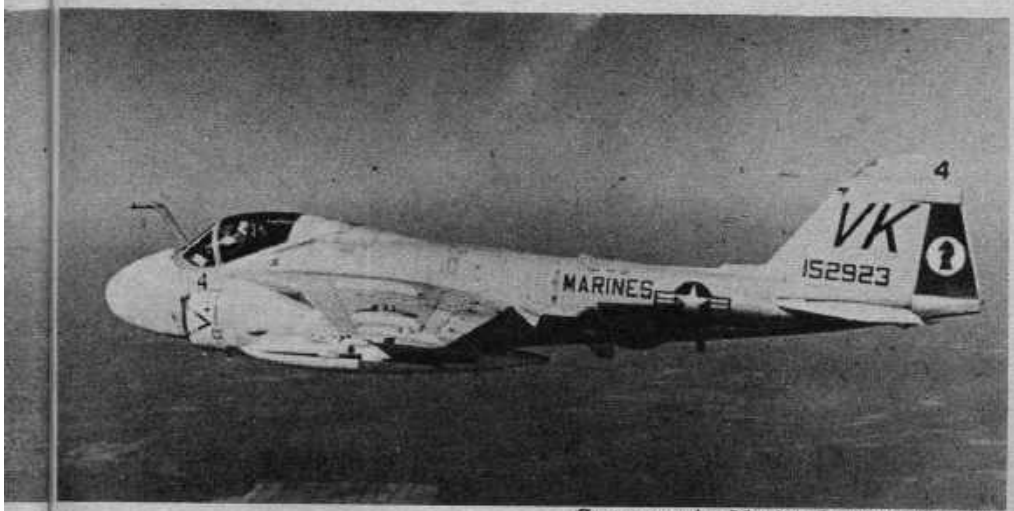
"I realized someone was behind me. I thought it was Taro. Then I discovered that a *third creature was standing right next to me!* It was slightly taller than me, with a long face that covered two-thirds of its body, and stubby arms and legs. While I jerked back with sudden fear, this creature *reached out and touched me* . . ."

Ms. Nakayama did not know, then, that her impression of a squat creature with a disproportionately large face having semihuman features, corresponded almost exactly with the appearance of a mysterious man-dog statue, or *Inu-Ningen*, located within a few miles of her sighting.

The creature touched her just once. There was nothing noteworthy about the brief tap on her shoulder—no tingling sensation, no discharge of static electricity, none of the phenomena reported by other persons who've claimed to come in close contact with interplanetary visitors.

As part of a continuing motion, which had begun when it touched her, the squat-shaped creature began moving away from the frightened woman in awkward, strangely loping steps that took it towards its two companions in the paddy field. Too confused to be overcome by her growing fear, Ms. Nakayama remembers glancing around to see if any of her friends were nearby—they weren't—and then focusing on the spot where the three creatures had come together. "I had the feeling they'd gotten out of their ship to look around. But they were very cautious. They didn't want to disturb anything . . ."

Akiko Nakayama shows her mother a crude sketch of the UFO she saw.



Crewmen of a Marine Corps A-6A saw UFOs the night of Ms. Nakayama's contact.

Dr. Robert L. Johnson, archaeologist.

While she watched the huge, shimmering orange object—a spaceship, she now believed—began to descend until it hid the three beings. There was a faint buzzing sound in the young woman's ears. The hovering UFO completely enveloped the three extraterrestrials, seeming to brush against the dry ground of the paddy field, then took off vertically and climbed away, to become simply another of the orange lights crisscrossing the sky at a low altitude. Minutes later, the lights began to vanish into low cloud cover until everything had disappeared.

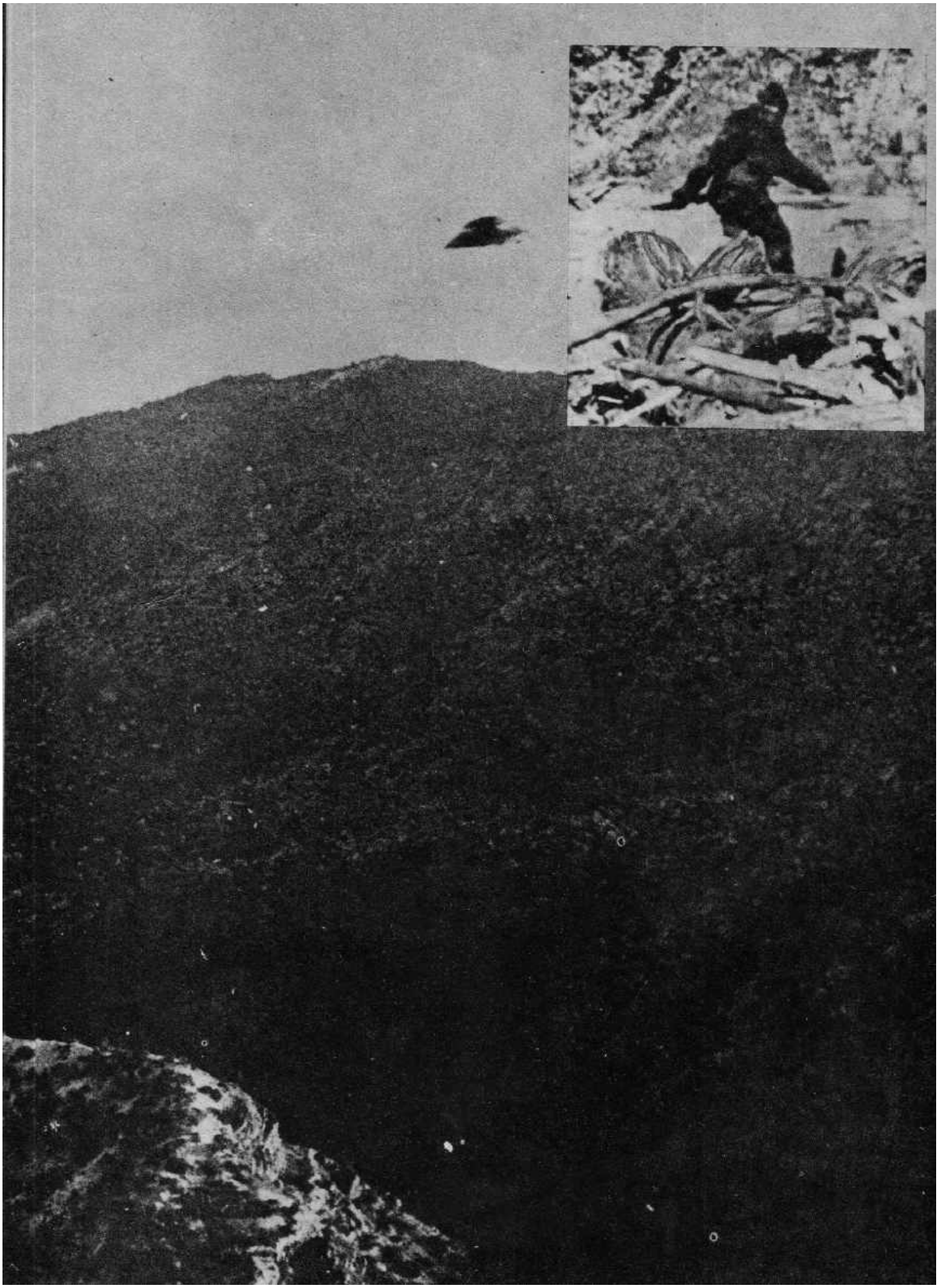
Except for the faint buzzing, there hadn't been a sound.

Ms. Nakayama turned and ran, flailing and crying out, retracing her route along Hoshi-machi's narrow side alley until she reached Route 202 and stumbled into the arms of her friends, sobbing and trembling. It was now 9:20 p.m. Her sighting of an apparent spaceship and three interstellar visitors had lasted about 10 minutes!

It was the following day before Ms. Nakayama could tell a coherent version of her sighting, and for some time thereafter, she and her family were ridiculed by friends and neighbors while her account was subjected to wide publicity and almost merciless scrutiny. Her mother, a *Fuku-Nichi* reporter, a teacher, and numerous friends are among those who believe the young woman's story of what she saw.

But that wasn't enough to prevent campus friends and neighbors from making fun of Akiko Nakayama. And some of it wasn't fun. Shortly after her sighting was reported in the local press, her family began receiving vicious letters and telephone calls deriding her story and personally maligning her. She grew tense, nervous, unable to concentrate on her schoolwork. A local physician prescribed tranquilizers and rest. "I began to retreat inwardly," she said later, "not trusting old friends, even close relatives, for fear of being criticized." She was on the verge of an emotional breakdown.

No doubt the young college student's suffering would have been greater had not the sighting of colored lights been confirmed by hundreds of witnesses. Around 9:35 p.m., at an altitude of 41,000 feet, far above the cloud cover that shrouded Hoshi-machi, the orange UFOs were spotted for the last time—by two U.S. Marines. *(Continued on page 90)*



The Strange Link Between UFOs And Bigfoot

Astounding new evidence has been uncovered that points to an ominous connection between flying saucers and Sasquatch

By Peter Guttilla and B. Ann Slate

On Sept. 2, 1973, Roger McCracken of Indiana, Pa., stepped from the porch of his home into the hazy half-light of dawn. He glanced toward the garage and noticed a dark, shapeless figure partly hidden in the shadows. Straining his eyes to see more clearly, and cautiously moving closer, he was stunned with terror, because a hulking, eight-foot-tall, grayish, hair-covered giant was staring back at him!

McCracken turned and ran for his house. Screaming at the top of his lungs, he crashed through the back door. His mother rushed downstairs, horrified at the sound of her son's screams.

"Roger was just white and shaking uncontrollably," Mrs. McCracken said. "It was quite some time before I got the whole story from him."

When the uproar calmed down, the McCrackens took a cautious look outside but saw nothing. With a sigh of relief, the shaken family thought the "thing" was probably human and had fled. But even as Mrs. McCracken tried to calm Roger, a short distance away in the forest, the creature lurked, waiting . . .

The following evening, Mrs. McCracken's daughter, Betty Ruffner, was sitting on the back porch when she noticed something move near a small patch of trees about 50 feet away. She could only see a slight movement behind the dense brush, although whatever it was moved at a steady, even pace.

"I followed the movement until it came to a clearing," she said. "Then I saw it! A huge creature with a slouched, arched back that had long arms dangling at its side. What struck me first was its tremendous stride. I would say that one of its steps would be equal to three human steps. It was no time before it was across the road and up into the woods."

The McCrackens contacted the State Police and were given a polite but frustrating brush-off. Now completely unnerved, the frightened family kept a daily vigil for the monster. Then, on September 13th, Mrs. McCracken and her daughter were in the kitchen when they heard an odd, thumping sound.

"At first I thought it was coming from the living room," Betty said. "But as the sound grew louder, I knew it was coming from the back porch. I switched on the porch light just in time to see a huge form jump from the porch and head toward the front of the house."

Betty rushed through the living room and lurched for the front door. Terrified, she bolted the door and yelled out for her teenage son, Raymond. Bewildered by the sudden, rapid series of events, Raymond grabbed his deer rifle off a rack, loaded it and went to the living room. He glanced out the front window and staggered backward when he saw a giant, hair-covered head with a flattened man-like face peering in at him. Gripping his rifle, Raymond unlatched the door, flung it open and fired two shots at the creature! He thought he hit it in the back of the right leg.

Apparently unaffected by the bullets, the creature leaped over the road and ran into the heavily wooded thicket. The family gathered on the front porch and watched the brush. Suddenly, a sharp, high-pitched scream rang out from the woods.

This was too much. The terrified witnesses called the State Police again. This time a unit was dispatched to the McCracken home. The officers listened to the family's story, took down all the details, and told them not to shoot again unless the creature actually entered the house!

A daylight search of the area revealed several orange "clots" which were first assumed to be blood. Initial analysis proved the substance wasn't blood and for a while, nobody knew exactly what it was. Then, after exhaustive tests by a noted anthropologist, the "clots" proved to be apple juice mixed with the creature's saliva which were drooled on the ground when "It" raided the McCracken apple barrel.

As a fitting comment to nearly two weeks of terror, Betty Ruffner had this to say: "I know that all this sounds like something out of a movie or someone's imagination. People just can't believe that a monster like this is running loose. But I can. *I saw it!*"

Fortunately for them, the hairy giant was not seen again near the McCracken home. Authorities presumed it had moved on—and they were right!

Two weeks later, on September 27th, two girls in Westmoreland County, Pa., encountered a grayish, hair-covered creature seven feet tall, carrying a strange, luminescent sphere in its hands. The terrified girls ran home and blurted out the story to their father who went to investigate. The girls reported he entered the woods, and stayed there for more than an hour.

Investigators who talked to the father later said he refused to discuss the incident and merely remarked that there were some things that shouldn't be talked about. Since he owned the property on which the sighting took place, he added that he didn't want anyone trampling around his woods and that was that! A

UFO researcher and the state policemen who interviewed the man said he underwent a peculiar personality change following the incident.

Why a UFO investigator on a case like this? Since wild hairy creatures are usually escaped animals from the local zoo, is there something going on that the general public hasn't been told but has been suspected by ufologists for some time? The answer is a resounding yes and the story of recent events in Pennsylvania doesn't stop here . . .

One month later, George K. was driving his pickup truck to his father's farm near Uniontown when he noticed an orange light in the sky falling to the ground in a nearby field. Parking his truck, George took his .30-06 rifle, and together with his two companions, walked to the field. There in complete amazement they watched the glowing object land.

"It was completely white," George K. said. "It was about 100 feet in diameter, as big as a house, with a dome on top. It was very, very bright." The craft remained stationary on the ground, making a low humming sound. In the eerie glow illuminating the surrounding area, the startled witnesses noticed movement along a nearby fence. Moving to get a better view, they saw two massive creatures, one about eight feet tall and the other about seven feet in height. The giants were completely covered with a dark, grayish hair, had long arms that extended almost to the ground, made crying sounds "like a baby," and emitted a sulphur-like odor.

Terrified, two of the men ran back to the truck. But George K. fired a shot into the air. The creatures turned and without stopping, began lumbering toward him. Terrified beyond reason, he fired directly at the approaching figures.

"The larger creature made a moaning sound," George K. said. "He raised his right hand and the light in the field disappeared and the (humming) sound stopped."

George K. ran quickly to the truck to join his friends. Tossing the rifle into the cab, he jumped in, started the engine, jammed the accelerator to the floor and raced down the road. A few hundred feet from the sighting, the truck's lights dimmed several times.

State police were immediately called to the scene but found no evidence of the monsters or their craft. Investigators noted the witnesses were extremely shaken by the incident and complained that *their eyes bothered them afterward.*

We don't have to theorize that UFOs are real and interrupting the daily lives of thousands of people with disquieting regularity. The ever growing list of sightings, landings, and kidnappings proves the fact rather dramatically. However, little known to the public is the disturbing connection between flying saucers and the appearance of hair-covered giants with incredible strength and remarkable agility.

Called "Sasquatch" in Canada, "Bigfoot" in the western states, "Fouke River Monster" in Arkansas, "Momo" in Missouri, and "Skunk Ape" in the Florida Everglades, these hulking superhuman and often foul smelling beings have been reported in connection with UFOs since frontier days.

Writer-researcher Brad Steiger tells of an 1888 journal kept by a cattleman named Wyatt who wintered with Indians along the Humboldt Line in the "Big Woods Country" of northern California. Wyatt was fluent in the Indian languages and took part in most tribal activities.

One day, the diary attests, Wyatt saw one of the Indians carrying a large platter of raw meat and asked who it was for. The Indian was hesitant, almost afraid to answer the cattleman's question, but at last he gave in and told Wyatt to follow him. They proceeded to a shallow cave in the face of a cliff. In the opening dwelt a huge creature with long, shiny black hair covering its entire body except for its palms and an area around its eyes. Described as being built like a well-developed man except it didn't have a neck, the creature didn't appear wild or vicious. It sat cross-legged and quickly wolfed down the raw meat.

After bribes of tobacco, a compass and an axe, the Indian finally told Wyatt the story of the beast's origin. "Crazy Bear", as the Indians called him, was brought to the "Big Woods" from the stars. A "small

moon" had flown down like a soaring eagle and had landed on a plateau a few miles away from the Indian encampment. The beast in the cave and two other "Crazy Bears" had been tossed out of the "moon" before the craft soared off to the stars.

The Indian told Wyatt that other "Crazy Bears" had been left in the vicinity over the years. Occasionally, they had seen the "men" who flew the little moons. They didn't resemble the hairy ones but appeared to be men such as themselves, the Indian said. The men in the small moons had shorter hair than the Indians and wore shiny clothing. They had waved to the Indians in a friendly manner, closed a door in the side of the moon, and had flown away. The Indians felt the "Crazy Bears" were sent from the stars to bring them good luck and as long as the creatures were given plenty of raw meat, the tribe was safe.

The authors recently visited Bigfoot country in the Siskyoo Mountains of northern California. On several successive nights, high-flying lights appeared in the sky and zigzagged from horizon to horizon. Through powerful binoculars, the lights appeared spherical in shape and glowed a fluorescent grayish-white, appearing very much like "small moons."

Hairy giants, as well as "small moons" have been around a long time. Canadian journalist John Green in his book, *Year of the Sasquatch,* relates that five years after the Lewis and Clark expedition reached the Pacific, surveyor David Thompson was caught in a winter blizzard while on a mapping trip and had to struggle through deep snow and bone-chilling cold in the Rockies, searching for shelter near the present site of Jasper, Alberta. An alert explorer, Thompson kept a daily record which is now preserved in the archives of the province of Ontario. Thompson wrote in an entry dated Jan. 7, 1811:

"I saw the track of a large animal—has four toes about three or four inches long—the ball of his foot sank about three inches deeper than his toes . . . the hinder part of his foot did not mark well. The whole is about 14 inches long by eight inches wide . . ."

Thompson was a cartographer and a man noted for his powers of observation and scrupulous honesty in describing what he saw. French and Indian trackers with the expedition agreed the track was definitely not a bear's. Bear tracks that size would be rare indeed as grizzlies seldom show tracks larger than nine or 10 inches and then are unmistakably bear prints, showing little resemblance to the typical Bigfoot track.

Over the years, researchers have turned up an impressive collection of old accounts of manlike creatures that walked upright and left enormous tracks. One such report appeared in the *New Orleans Times Picayune* of May 16, 1851. It read:

"The *Memphis Enquirer* gives an account of a wild man recently discovered in Arkansas. It appears that during March last, Mr. Hamilton of Greene County, Ark., while out hunting with an acquaintance, observed a drove of cattle in a state of apparent alarm, evidently pursued by some dreaded enemy. Halting for the purpose, they soon discovered as the animals fled by them that they were followed by an animal bearing the unmistakable likeness of humanity. He was of gigantic stature, the body being covered with hair and the head with long locks that fairly enveloped the neck and shoulders. The 'Wild Man,' after looking at them deliberately for a short time, turned and ran away with great speed, leaping 12 to 14 feet at a time. His footprints measured 13 inches each . . ."

Reports of huge, hair-covered creatures have appeared continually for more than a century, but let's move ahead to the night of May 14, 1964, to a desolate stretch of railroad tracks on the outskirts of Koyulhisar, Turkey. It was here that Turkish police found the battered body of Ahmed Bey sprawled across the rails. He had been beaten to death.

Earlier that night, his wife had run screaming into the police station and blurted out a horrifying tale. While she and her husband were driving along the highway, which ran parallel to the railroad tracks, a "spinning disk the size of a house" had suddenly appeared in the sky

and headed for their car. The UFO wobbled and jerked as if in trouble. The couple watched in horror as the object slammed into the ground and exploded in a shower of flames. Before the UFO crashed, Mrs. Bey said, an "enormous hairy creature" dropped from the object and leaped with giant strides toward their car. The sobbing woman said her husband drew his knife, jumped from the now stopped car and threw himself at the giant in an effort to protect her.

Unaffected by the initial stab of his knife, the creature literally wrenched the struggling man off his feet, crushed him, and then threw his mangled body to the ground. It then loped into the woods, its arms swinging at its sides, and disappeared. Mrs. Bey was questioned at length by the police and remained consistent in all details as she told of the nightmarish encounter. An investigation by Turkish authorities eventually listed the killing as a beating by an unknown assailant.

Still another case, linking the hairy giants to flying saucers, occurred in January of this year in the Everglades west of Hollywood, Fla. It was there that one of the biggest manhunts was undertaken for an eight-foot-tall "Skunk Ape" which had appeared out of the moonlit mist of the swampland. Richard Lee Smith first reported the monster when it crossed in front of his car on U.S. Highway 27, shortly after midnight. After reporting the incident to the Florida Highway Patrol, Smith again saw "the thing", hitting it on the leg when it "jumped across the guard rail" in front of his car for the *second* time.

"I just couldn't avoid hitting it," Smith said. "I hit it on the leg with my right front fender. It didn't scream or make any sound. I've never seen anything like it before."

The Highway Patrol acknowledged that the fender of Smith's car was dented and they were later told by another motorist that he'd seen "a large seven to eight-foot-tall hairy thing limping along the highway" just south of the point where Smith reported his sighting.

Patrolman Robert Holmeyer of the Hialeah Gardens Station was one of the first officers on the scene and said he saw a shadowy, dark thing crashing off into the brush. "It looked like a man, except it was an extremely large man about eight feet tall," Holmeyer said. "It was running, beating out a path in the sawgrass. I didn't want to go in after him in the dark."

Another Hialeah Gardens policeman, Darrell Nichols, noticed uprooted trees in an area where the creature supposedly headed, and Chief Bennett said at one point during the search he thought he spotted something lurking at the edge of a tree hammock, although nothing was flushed out of the brush. Other reports said a huge footprint was found, also a dog with its throat bloodied. There was some speculation that the dog had gotten in the way of the fleeing monster.

In covering the news story, United Press International reassuringly reported that a few animals had met mysterious deaths in the areas of the sightings but otherwise, the swamp creature had done little harm.

The intense land and air search, which involved both police and Coast Guard, proved futile. The huge, hairy creature had somehow eluded them and seemed to have just disappeared from the area!

A few months prior to this incident, there was a rash of UFO reports from all over the state but of special interest is the sighting by Frank Burke and his wife who live in Hollywood, Fla. They were sitting in their yard enjoying the night air when what was described by them as a "moonshot in reverse" came through the clouds. "It had to be a rocket, it was huge," Frank Burke said.

It appeared to come down in the Everglades about 25 miles to the west of them, the precise region where the Skunk Ape was hunted later. The National Transportation Safety Board in Miami advised there were no reports of any aircraft crashing that evening and Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral said there were no launchings or reentries during that weekend.

In 1971 there was another big UFO flap in Florida and early in the year, H. C. "Buz" Osbon led an expedition of archeologists into Big Cypress Swamp which

adjoins the Everglades. Osbon, president of the Florida Peninsular Archeological Society and director of the Miami Museum of Science, gave the following report:

"At three a.m., one of the men was awakened by what he said sounded like an elephant walking nearby. He cried out when he saw this creature standing near his tent. This snapped me awake and I rolled out of my own tent. At first it looked like a very big man with stubbled whiskers. But then I saw it! It had no neck and its body was covered with hair, like an ape's. It turned and ran off."

Osbon went on to say the creature left a nauseating stench that permeated the area. He and his team later found "footprints 17½ inches long and 11½ inches wide across the toe span."

Monster witnesses frequently suffer from many of the same physical effects noted in persons having been in close contact with UFOs: reddening and soreness around the eyes; hoarseness or loss of voice sometimes lasting for days after the encounter, and general nausea and flu-like symptoms.

The eminent psychiatrist, Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, documented the following UFO-creature case involving biological effects in the *Medical Times* of October 1968. The incident occurred shortly after dusk during the summer of 1966, when four people (with two infants) drove to Beach Six at Presque Island Peninsula Park north of Erie, Pa. Their car got stuck in the sand and 26-year-old Gerald La Belle started out on foot to get some help from friends in Erie to haul the car out.

At 10 p.m. on a routine check of the park, two patrolmen noticed the mired auto and told the occupants they would return in a short while to make sure the car had been freed. When they returned at 10:30 p.m., the car was still stuck and Gerald La Belle hadn't returned. The three young adults in the auto then told the officers, "There's something weird going on here!"

They said that just after the patrolmen had checked on them the first time and left, a bright light shot out of the skies and landed near Beach Seven, some 300 yards from their car. When it was on the ground, they could see the object was mushroom-shaped with a narrow base rising to an oval structure with three lights on the back. It made a loud sound like the noise in a telephone receiver that shook their car when it set down.

Rays of light radiated from the craft that illuminated the surrounding woods and ground. "When you arrived, the lights went out!" they told the police.

The officers, along with 18-year-old Doug Tibbets, started out for the now-darkened UFO but before they could reach it, the stranded auto's horn began blaring frantically. They ran back to the car to find the two girls and small children hysterical. "We saw a dark, featureless creature!" the trembling girls sobbed. "It wasn't human, maybe it was an animal!"

The girls told the police that just before seeing the monster, they had heard scratching noises on the roof of the car. After one glance at the menacing gorilla-shaped form standing just outside the car, the mother of the two small children threw them to the floor of the car, and huddled protectively over them. When taken to the police station, the mother and her two children were still so disturbed they had to be given medical care.

The other girl, a 16-year-old, was questioned by Park Police Chief Dan Dascanio. "I'm convinced that young girl saw something," the Chief said. "She was one scared person when I first saw her. Her hands were shaking, her face was trembling, and her speech was inarticulate, and she had difficulty maintaining her composure. *Her eyes were red* and she kept shaking her head from side to side." (Authors' italics.)

Doug Tibbets, who accompanied the officers to search for the landed UFO, was taken to a hospital to be treated for inflammation of the throat and a high temperature; the teen-age girl later suffered from severe abdominal cramps.

The following morning, patrolmen went to Beach Seven where the strange craft had supposedly landed and discovered distinct triangular-shaped impressions in the sand. Leading to within two feet of

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and a half feet tall. They were more inhuman than "humanoid," with huge elephantine ears, slit-like mouths extending from ear to ear, and enormous eyes. No neck was visible and their arms were very long, with clawed hands. They stood upright but dropped to all fours when running.

Sometimes the devilish little creatures "floated" around and several perched on the roof at one time. But the most mind-staggering thing of all occurred when one of the Sutton men fired a shotgun point-blank at one "being" outside a window. The mini-monster was knocked back by the blast but then got up and scuttled away entirely unhurt.

There are dozens of such lurid, mind-numbing cases in UFO files, and probably 10 times as many that were never reported for fear of ridicule.

Yet there was never a single repetition of the Hopkinsville event, as to the UFO seen, what the occupants were like, and how they acted.

Like all other UFO visitations, it stands unique, a one-time-only experience that occurred nowhere else on Earth.

The clothing of the little men can be divided into two broad groups—those that wear space suits and those that don't. Presumably, the first group cannot breathe our air and must wear sealed suits just as our astronauts do on the Moon. Yet even these "suits" differ from one UFOnaut to another; some are silvery, some dull, some with fish-globe helmets, blackened visors, and a variety of strange "gadgets" hung on belts. No single description of these "suits" coincides with any other report.

The garb worn by the little men who apparently can breathe our air are also infinitely varied, as if a product of widely divergent cultures. Among them is this fantastic wardrobe of colorful garments and ensembles:

One-piece coveralls, of various colors and patterns;

Blue suit and billed cap (beings two feet high with yellow faces);

Dressed all in red, in a stiff "iron" suit;

A garment looking like layers of tires;

A grayish suit which constantly radiated flashes of light;

Shiny metallic suit of golden color with no buttons or zippers;

Green suits, shiny buttons, gloves whose tips glowed;

Black leather pants, white jerseys; and

Blue coveralls, high collars, helmets with spikes.

Other costumes included monk-like garb, speckled clothing, skintight outfits . . . almost every conceivable kind of apparel known—or unknown—to this world. And one cannot picture all the UFOnauts, if they were from one world, wearing such Mardi Gras haberdashery without one single standardized item.

All this proves that our space visitors must have originated on as many worlds as there are little men, or their costumes, or their UFOs.

Human-like Occupants. This category numbers much less than the small beings. It includes the man-sized saucer men emerging from landed UFOs who are seemingly as human-looking as we are; they are the same general height, and have human facial features. But here the similarity ends. The same anomalies that apply to the little men—types of craft, costumes, characteristics and so on—apply to "normal" UFOnauts. Generally they are not clad in space suits. Their costumes vary from simple robes to nondescript baggy or skintight garments, always in different styles and colors in every case. Their hair however seems to be long—often down to the shoulders. Very few women are mentioned in reports, as if their worlds tend to be male dominated and exclude the female from space explorations (as we on Earth have done so far).

In certain cases, these man-like visitors are accompanied by the little men, as if they are in "partnership." Why? Assuming they are from two different worlds, it may be that the little men have invited the "human" people along in order to provoke less fright on Earth when they are seen.

Some of the man-sized visitors, however, are not human-like. Reports reveal one alien with very white skin—much whiter than is known on Earth—plus a high-domed head as if having enormous brain capacity. Another grotesque note is that he had bulging eyes like a frog. Other "human" beings have had long beards down to their waists, or extraordinarily long arms, or "electrified hair," and other physical oddities.

Again, one could easily believe that each of these beings comes from a different world because no two have the same costumes, hairstyles, complexions, manners, speech, or craft.

It might be noted that in most of the contactee stories where witnesses have supposedly taken rides in flying saucers and even visited the aliens' home worlds, the beings are described quite differently in every case, again with no two alike. Nor do they come from the same worlds, as plainly stated by the UFOnauts.

Robots. A rather rare category of UFOnauts but one that can't be ignored. Witnesses often describe these creatures as having "stiff" movements and also having angular lines quite unlike living beings. These strange entities range from the uncanny to the eerie:

Like "little machine-men," there were two stumpy little objects, according to the witness in one case, that waddled along without flexing their legs or bending their arms;

"Square and squat" is what another witness said about his contact with small mechanical UFOnauts, plus a feeling that they were made of metal;

"There was fire coming out of its eyes, and the head was square like a machine," one woman said, about the weird creature she saw beside a landed UFO;

When a South American truck driver was forced into a ditch by a huge UFO that blocked the road, he was stunned to see three giant robots emerge, 12 to 15 feet tall. They wore helmets with antennae like the horns of snails;

In one of the weirdest cases of all (thoroughly investigated by UFOlogists who eliminated any suspicion of fraud or hoax) a man out hunting was treed by two man-sized beings accompanied by a hugh black "robot" with glowing orange eyes and a rectangular mouth. The queerest thing of all was that this robot could spray fumes or gases from its mouth that wafted up to the treed man, causing nausea and temporary blackouts. Evidently the robot was trying to get the man down for his two "masters" but failed. By morning, the entities gave up and left. The man stumbled back to his hunting companions, one of whom said he saw a glowing UFO land the night before, just when the whole affair started;

Again, in another case, we have a "little machine" that was squat and square, had no legs, and "glided" along, despite looking metallic and heavy; and

One creature seemed to be a strange combination of something between a living entity and a robot. It was described as moving with jerky, mechanical motions. The stiff legs did not bend at the knees, yet it had a slender build and a mop of straggly brown hair. A "camouflaged" robot?

We can logically assume that some worlds do not send their living explorers to Earth, but use robots somewhat like the Russian mobile vehicle on the Moon. But apparently the aliens have perfected mechanical observation "vehicles" in the form of living creatures.

Yet again our premise holds—no two robots are ever alike and presumably have been sent here from different worlds.

The Giants. The list of alien entities in this category is much shorter than the little men sightings, but nevertheless they have been reported often enough to lend credence to the presence of oversized UFOnauts on Earth. Most of them are barely "humanoid," that is, possessing two arms and two legs and the usual facial features, distorted though they may be. Beyond that they become grotesque. The following cases are typical:

A report of a giant man 11½ feet tall, in a white suit, who seemed to crackle with electricity. The creature finally shot straight up into the sky and vanished;

A giant man 10 feet tall wearing a white robe like a monk. Again the abnormal is present in that his form was translucent at times and the witnesses could see through him;

Another giant of unspecified height was said to be "conical" in shape and dark like a shadow;

From South America (where the majority of giant entities have been seen) there is the report of three seven-foot-tall beings wearing inflated, transparent suits, possessing huge eyes, large bald heads, no eyebrows, and very long legs;

From Brazil comes the story of two human-like giants who were no less than 18 feet tall dressed in brilliant red costumes; and

A witness in Argentina, a country apparently plagued by giants, described a dark man 10 feet tall with bushy black hair, who emitted a thunderous yell that scared the witness senseless.

One subcategory of giants includes those without the normal number of eyes and have either one or three. Among the one-eyed "Cyclops" are the following cases: *(Continued on page 68)*

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Although the vast majority of UFO sightings around the world are reported by average citizens, famous personalities have also seen these puzzling aerial objects.

By Timothy Green Beckley

Prince Phillip of England has long been known as a collector of UFO literature. In fact, those who have been inside his private quarters insist the Prince has a large map hanging on his wall where he has pinpointed the location of worldwide UFO activity. A firm believer in even the more "further out" contactee stories, Prince Phillip recently sent a note via his secretary, Lord Rupert Nevill, thanking this columnist for placing at his disposal several copies of SAGA's UFO REPORT. "His Royal Highness is most grateful to you for doing this and looks forward very much to reading it all," came the immediate reply on royal stationery.

While governor of New York, Nelson Rockefeller informed NICAP that all the facts regarding UFOs should be released to the public. "Insofar as keeping the American people properly informed on this or any matter of national concern," Rockefeller said, "it is vital to our democratic process that the general public be promptly and completely informed."

As surprising as it may seem many world leaders have expressed a deep and personal belief in the existence of UFOs despite the fact that officially their governments have continued to deny the reality of these other-worldly craft.

In 1966, Pres. Gerald Ford, then House Minority Leader, went on record as being keenly aware of the scientific enigma so-called "flying saucers" presented. In addition, he was, concerned with the many sightings constantly being made in the skies above his home state of Michigan. Furthermore Ford is on file with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) as being openly opposed to the negative attitude of the Condon Committee and he quite frankly stated that the Air Force should never have discontinued its investigation of the UFO enigma.

Singer-entertainer Tiny Tim admits his unusual preoccupation with UFOs might not be taken very seriously. "I realize my image on stage will make it difficult for a lot of people to accept what I have to say as gospel," Tiny revealed during an exclusive interview. "Nonetheless, since I can remember, I have held a fascination with such matters. I am convinced that Earth is being visited by interplanetary creatures and has been for many centuries. There is not the slightest doubt in my mind that the UFOs many see are real. I have read a great deal on the subject and find it highly intriguing."

According to the well-known personality, he has had several psychic experiences which closely relate to the UFO phenomenon. "Back in the early 1960s we sent a rocket ship to the moon which was supposed to send back information as to what the lunar surface was composed of. I can still remember watching television late into the evening because I was particularly anxious to know what the results of the lunar tests would show. That night I had a dream in which I saw myself on the moon actually touching the surface. To me it felt very much like sawdust. Imagine my shock when I later discovered that some of the particles analyzed by our space scientists indicated that they were similar in content to sawdust which could be found on Earth. How did I know? I'm convinced someone—or something—sent me this information."

Tiny Tim also disclosed that he has had numerous other visions dealing with the universe and the beings which inhabit it. "I get the information that there are both good and evil forces operating in outer space. Some time before the turn of the century we will see mass landings of UFOs. Some of the creatures that will emerge from these objects do not have our welfare at heart. It may be that the cosmic 'good guys' will eventually come and assist us in ridding our planet of these negative starmen."

World famous psychic Jeane Dixon, best known for her published premonition concerning the assassination of Pres. John F. Kennedy, has changed her mind over the years regarding the origin of UFOs. "There has never been a doubt in my mind that they exist," she said. "In fact on the *Johnny Carson Show* I predicted that a UFO, a certain 'missile' would come to a certain longitude and latitude, and that 'missile' would cause a blackout in New York. And I told Mr. Carson that he would not have a show in his studio. I said, 'Your studio will be dark—you won't have a show for one night.' Well, they laughed and thought it was funny." Of course Mrs. Dixon is referring to her prediction of the massive power failure which caused lights to dim in 5 Northeastern states in November 1965.

Interviewed several years ago, Jeane Dixon maintained UFOs were not piloted by outer space beings, but were devices used by the Russian government to spy on the U.S. More recently, however, the widely acclaimed psychic says UFOs are coming here from a planet beyond Jupiter and are piloted by *women*. Mrs. Dixon added: "I believe they (UFOs) herald a great new surge of knowledge for the people of the Earth. UFOs will bring us the knowledge to harness the energy of the sun. . . I feel that the UFOs are crewed by women. These are the vibrations I am now receiving. . . I believe there are God's creatures [on board] beings like you and me." Jeane Dixon offered her belief that in remote parts of South America, Peru particularly, "we will find actual places where UFOs have landed and remained."

America's leading clairvoyant insisted that the intentions of the female ufonauts are peaceful. "Their intentions are not evil, I have a special feeling for the people who operate the UFOs because when I close my eyes and 'see' them mentally, I know that these people are psychic too."

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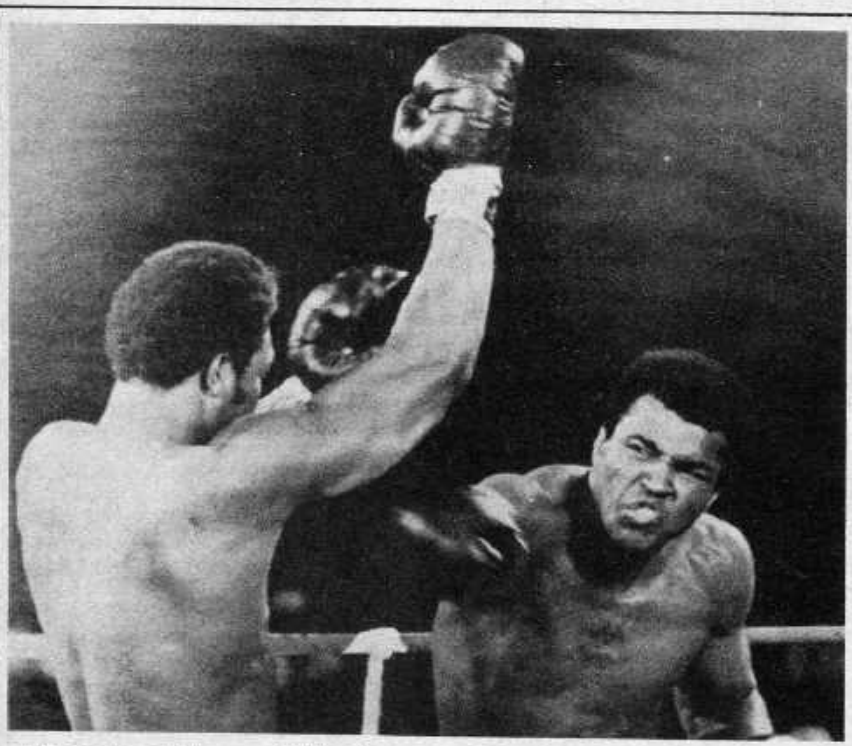

Fast-punching Muhammad Ali has long admitted a firm belief in the existence of UFOs. "I've seen them a total of 16 times," Ali said.

The world-champion boxer says his most recent sighting took place over a 2-night period on August 9th and 10th, 1974.

"I was at my training camp, located high in the Poconos near Deer Lake, Pa. I had been working out all afternoon, and decided around 9 p.m.—just after dusk—to take a leisurely stroll around the gravel path which runs in back of our log cabin gym.

"The night was so clear you could see for miles in all directions. The sun had only been down for a short while so the sky was still quite light."

Suddenly, seemingly from out of nowhere, Ali caught a glimpse of a bright light off in the distance. "At first I thought this flicker was the North Star rising in the heavens. However, within moments I could tell I was watching something truly out of the ordinary."

Ali continued, with his usual candor, to give the details of his sighting of a cigar-shaped UFO "A mother ship I call it!

"Before I could blink, this 'light' had come down toward the mountain, until it hovered straight overhead. I rubbed my eyes to make sure I wasn't dreaming. Sure enough it was still there. This had to be one of those big ships they talk about. The UFO was streamlined and shaped sort of like a cigar, but blunt on both ends. I couldn't see any windows or anything but I'm certain there must have been people aboard."

Asked how he knew it wasn't a helicopter or an airplane, Ali replied that the object didn't act like any conventional aircraft he was familiar with. "This baby would hover briefly and then dart from left to right, crisscrossing the sky. It would stand completely still and then all of a sudden —whoosh!—it would vanish. You could see it getting smaller and smaller as it rose in the sky. Then, as it got to be the size of a lit matchhead, it would flash back down real fast. It did this numerous times during the 2 hours I watched it."

Muhammad says the mysterious nocturnal visitor returned to haunt the skies above his mountaintop retreat at the same hour the next night. This time he had a witness with him who could confirm the sighting—business manager Gene Kilroy.

For the next 2 hours, until 11 p.m., the two men watched the strange form maneuver in the skies. "It was really something to see," Ali said. "No matter how close it got we couldn't hear any sound. I'm a believer in these things, have seen them before, but this was definitely the largest ship I've encountered."

Asked why he thinks UFOs are visiting Earth, Ali said after a few thoughtful moments: "I think they come into our atmosphere from outer space every so often in order to replenish their supply of oxygen. The prophet, Elijah Muhammad—my religious leader—says the first reference ever made about a UFO was Ezekiel's description of a 'Wheel within a Wheel.' He also says there is a ship known as the 'Mother of Planes' which is a half mile long. I think this is what I observed over my training camp in Pennsylvania."

The late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was another world famous figure who didn't scoff at UFOs. In a personal letter to ufologist Gray Barker, Kennedy acknowledged that he was a member of several UFO groups and that, "Therefore, like many other people in our country I am interested in the phenomena." The letter continued: "I watch with great interest all reports of unidentified flying objects, and hope that some day we will know more about this intriguing subject. Dr. Harlow Shapley, the prominent astronomer, has stated that there is a probability that there is other life in the universe. I favor more research regarding this matter, and I hope that once and for all we can determine the true facts about flying saucers."

Actor Glenn Ford is the latest in a steadily growing list of show business personalities to disclose details of their personal UFO experiences.

According to the internationally famous movie star, his sighting took place several months ago while he was relaxing on a beach near Oxnard, England. Ford says he was simply looking out at a beautiful blue expanse of sky and water when he caught sight of a disc-shaped object darting about in the distance.

"I watched it for a good half hour and am absolutely positive it was not any sort of conventional object. This thing," Ford continued, "made sharp right angle turns which our fastest and most advanced military jets couldn't accomplish."

Ford says he reported his observation to some friends in the military—"I felt it my duty"—but they told him to forget about what he had seen.

A Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Ford believes UFOs are probably friendly and piloted by creatures coming to Earth, "simply out of curiosity."

★THE END

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In Brazil, a being seven feet tall, wearing a helmet, with very red skin appeared. But the most striking feature, almost blowing the witnesses' minds, was that he had one huge eye in the middle of his forehead;

In Argentina, five "Martians" emerged from a landed UFO, each about seven feet tall, and with a single eye; and

A different kind of "Cyclops" showed up when a man on a motorcycle in Argentina nearly crashed as he observed a tall creature with a "melon head" and no less than three eyes, which stared at him unblinkingly. This completely unnerved the man, especially when his motorcycle engine died. The fearsome entity then walked away and the engine started again.

Although these giant creatures seem to predominantly "haunt" South America, they have also been reported everywhere else in the world. They seem "alien" in two senses—they come from another world and are totally nonhuman. Still, they could very well represent highly intelligent beings who only look "monstrous" in our eyes—as monstrous as we probably appear to them.

The Monster-Men. These go beyond mere giant beings who are still partially humanoid, to creatures who are entirely unlike ourselves. They comprise a surprising number of reported UFO entitities, of which one sub group are the winged or flying creatures:

The first case, as discovered by John Keel, goes back to 1880 and was extensively reported in newspapers of the time. A man with bat's wings and frog-like legs flew over Coney Island, N.Y., using a motion like a frog swimming through water;

In 1922, a man swore he saw a "magnificent flying creature" eight feet long which flew over and then landed in snow "like an airplane." It almost sounds like a mechanical device or aerial robot shaped like a man;

In 1948, three men dressed in "Buck Rogers" suits flew 250 feet over two people without rocket tubes or any other visible propulsion device. They were "wingless" flying men;

A strange "Birdman" was reported in 1953 and was watched for some time by various witnesses, both in flight and standing on the ground. He was six and a half feet tall, wearing a black cape, skintight pants, and boots. Two wings at his shoulders propelled him through the air;

But the "Birdman" gave way in 1966 to an even more bizarre creature that came to be known as "Mothman." He was seen in the West Virginia area no less than 26 times by various witnesses, from September 1966 to November 1967. Al most all the witnesses agree on the creature's general appearance. The following comes from data gathered by John Keel:

Up to seven feet tall;

Much broader than a man;

Its clothing (or skin) was gray, and perhaps furry;

In some cases it seemed to have no head at all;

Eyes three inches wide, luminous, and fiercely red;

Arms that were replaced by two bat-like wings that spread at least 10 feet across. The wings did not flap in flight but were extended sideways like rigid airplane wings; and

It flew at fantastic speeds, up to 100 miles per hour when chasing cars.

All these sightings were in West Virginia except for a few in Ohio and Kentucky. But oddly enough, in Kent, England, in 1963—before Mothman in America—a creature amazingly similar was seen.

In most of the (U.S.) sightings, there was no landed UFO seen. But almost everytime there were reports of a UFO flying around the area just before the Mothman appeared. From this we can infer that this winged monster-man was indeed another visitor from outer space. The fact that the wingspread was far too small to aerodynamically support any man and that the wings never flapped, are strong clues to its nonearthly origin. As to *how* it flew despite those "handicaps," anyone can guess.

Now we come to a subgroup that is truly strange. These beings are not monster-*men* at all but simply "monsters." Here are a few examples:

A vaguely human form 13 feet tall with *six arms;*

In contrast, a *four-legged* creature with a tail and two front "feelers";

> **"... The garb worn by the little men who apparently can breathe our air is also infinitely varied, as if a product of widely different cultures..."**

A red entity 10 feet tall which spat fire and nauseous gases;

Two creatures about three feet tall that resembled octopi with four or five legs or "arms," described by the witness as "thoroughly disgusting"; and

Hardly less revolting is the creature who spoke and gave its name as Kronin. "It" was very tall and with *no bones* and *no eyes,* and didn't bear the slightest resemblance to anything human.

Other nightmarish entities are haltingly called a "pyramid shape with cracks all over," a three-legged figure shaped somewhat like a man, queer plant-like beings looking like asparagus, and "amoeba-men" who were sexless and were seen to divide into two equal halves which then became individual parts (reported twice by two different and widely separated witnesses).

Periodically, luminous beings are reported that are similar to the little men, human-like, and giant categories. Sometimes they glow so brilliantly it hurts the eyes of the witnesses. In some cases they wear suits that glow while in other cases their own bodies are luminescent.

One typical case was reported from Argentina in 1963. A railroad worker was sitting in a coach on a siding when a luminous figure, surrounded by "dazzling light," entered without warning. Without a word, the entity snatched a newspaper from the man's hands and tore it up. The figure then emptied the contents of an oil can into a container and left, apparently heading back for the UFO in which he had landed.

Perhaps the strangest of all among the weird UFO entities is the "monster" that has no form at all. In short, an invisible creature whose presence is known only by a *voice.* Several people around the world have reported such frightening experiences, and it always occurs when a UFO is hovering overhead. It may be that the beings are there but hidden within their craft, but it is also not impossible that they are truly invisible. Practically anything is possible in this listing of the fantastic types of UFO creatures.

In summary, it is quite evident that the UFOnauts—whether "little men," humanoids, giants, robots, or monsters—are distinct and unique individuals as if each is cast from a different mold.

We are finished examining the UFO occupants themselves and only one factor remains to be discussed—their methods of communication. A considerable number of contact cases include attempts by the UFOnauts to talk to human witnesses in their own incomprehensible language. Or else that unknown tongue was merely overheard by the witnesses as the aliens conversed among themselves. In the other cases, the creatures used an Earth language which they somehow had learned.

In the first category, where an alien language was used, the descriptions of what the witnesses heard vary a great deal and, once again, no two versions are alike. Here are some of the impressions of witnesses who listened to UFOnauts speaking:

Many diphthongs and few consonants, so that it seemed to be sung rather than spoken (a characteristic of the Chinese language but the witness was enough of a linguist to state that he had never heard anything like it before);

Soft and melodious speech, with no guttural sounds;

In direct contrast, a language loaded with harsh gutturals;

Sibilant language with many "S" sounds;

Shrill sounding words;

A language of "grunts and growls";

Gurgling sounds and "grumblings";

Harsh, staccato-like speech;

Similar to the "cackling of geese";

Voices that rapidly changed pitch; and

One that sounded like a repeated "buzz" but with inflections.

Then, in the cases where some Earth language was used by the aliens, we have the following impressions of witnesses:

Spoke good Spanish but strung all the words together;

Spoke "broken English";

Spoke Portuguese "precisely" as if learned from a schoolbook; and

Spoke French but "straightforward," without any idioms.

The cases go on and on, including aliens who spoke very rapidly or hesitantly, others who drew out the words like "slow motion" speech, and those who used the wrong words as if unfamiliar

with the language they were using.

One interesting case is where Betty and Barney Hill, in their well-known "abduction" case, at first thought that they heard the aliens speaking proper English. But then Betty analyzed this and suspected she only *thought* she heard English but in reality was listening to alien sounds that came out as a sort of humming speech. Then how did she understand? If she's right, this would be a clear-cut case of telepathy, in which the meaning of the alien words was projected into her mind, making her think they had spoken her own language.

There are many oddities connected with these verbal contacts between UFOnauts and humans. In one case, the witness said the alien's voice did not come from his mouth but from his "middle." In other cases, though words were heard, the witness was surprised to see that the alien's lips did not move at all.

One witness tried to imitate the way the aliens had talked, but then helplessly gave up. He said he simply could not reproduce the sounds because human vocal cords weren't made for that. And some witnesses felt that when the aliens talked they had great difficulty in using earthly speech, as if their speaking apparatus was physically different from ours. As if to overcome this handicap, some UFOnauts seemed to speak like a "microphone" or "loudspeaker," as if they had devised some machine to handle the Earth words they could not reproduce themselves. Strange gadgets sometimes hung from their belts or were strapped to their chests, which could be such artificial "voice boxes."

Witnesses have been able to repeat only a few distinguishable alien words. It is also noteworthy that those words, if used by one UFOnaut, were never heard from a different UFOnaut. Obviously, they all spoke their own individual languages.

In sharp contrast to the above cases, and the very skimpy communications achieved between space beings and earthmen, we have the well-publicized contactee cases, such as the late George Adamski's. In all these cases, the witnesses not only met the occupants of the flying saucers but were invited aboard for long flights.

And in all these instances, the aliens talked (either verbally or via mental telepathy) in Earth tongues *fluently*, transmitting a great deal of information to the contactee. It is not so important that these particular UFOnauts were such excellent linguists; what is important is what they said about themselves, their home worlds, and their purpose in visiting Earth.

Here again, if we accept the contactee stories as bona fide, we find not one has the slightest connection with the others. The various informants separately reveal that they come from Mars, Venus, Ganymede, Saturn, Orion, Arcturus, and so on. In some cases they say they've come from planets unknown to our astronomers, such as "Clarion" or "Bilith."

At any rate, we can see that the languages and messages of the UFOnauts bear out the theme of this article—that we are being visited by the denizens of an incalculable reservoir of millions of very different worlds in outer space.

This brings us to the crux of our story. There is one significant statement in almost every contactee story as given by the aliens, that is the same. A thought provoking common denominator that their aim *is aiding the Earth to take its place in the grand community of civilized worlds in our galaxy.*

Several quotes from scientists will reveal the grand purpose for which all the spacecraft of many thousands of worlds have visited Earth.

Dr. Carl Sagan, astrophysicist at Cornell: "A Central Galactic Information Repository, which keeps tabs on all habitable worlds and watches for the uprise of intelligent beings, might someday welcome Earth into the Space Community."

Dr. Fred Hoyle, English astronomer: "Earth may someday be invited to join the Interstellar Club of advanced, civilized worlds."

Both of these scientists say "some day," and deny that the craft are here today.

But perhaps *Newsweek* summed it up best. They stated several years ago that a growing number of scientists were now convinced that there are "superior beings of a community of (the planets of) other stars within the Milky Way Galaxy—a kind of *United Stellar Organization.*"

Namely, a sort of United Worlds.

Simple, isn't it? If millions upon millions of super-scientific worlds have existed for perhaps a billion years or more, and eventually sent spacecraft out for mutual visits, isn't it perfectly logical for them to sooner or later form some kind of UW? It's not just logical but *inevitable.* Just as the highly developed nations on Earth had to leave isolationism behind and form the United Nations.

Inexorable social forces would oblige intelligent beings anywhere in the universe to combine efforts to their mutual benefit. It can hardly *be* any other way.

Granting this, another step also seems inevitable—the formation of a kind of "Peace Corps" to aid less civilized "emerging" worlds. Many other worlds, even at this moment, are undoubtedly sending their first manned rockets and astronauts to their moon or moons, or to nearby planets. They too, no doubt, are puzzled by the mystery of the UFOs seen in their skies.

The theme of one my articles was was that this UFO "Peace Corps" came a long time ago in order to lead mankind to the stars, for it is out in the great community of intelligent worlds that the ultimate destiny of *all* worlds lies, our planet included. The "Space Peace Corps" simply speeds up the process.

It also becomes quite obvious that such a "Peace Corps" would be composed of denizens and spacecraft from thousands of worlds, all united in one project but each carrying out its part in its own way.

The reader's mind of course will immediately leap ahead and see that the puzzle of why all UFOs and occupants are different is no longer a puzzle. All the jigsaw pieces fall into place by themselves. In fact, it is that very *diversity* of craft, occupants, clothing, and speech that makes extraterrestral theory a *necessity* in order to explain the UFO phenomenon.

Finally, let us listen to the message one contactee reportedly received from his

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UFOnaut hosts: "We are not alone. We have space brothers who are here to reach us and teach us. They are preparing us to join the *Federation of Planets.*"

Almost all the contactees report similar messages from the spacemen, informing earthmen that membership awaits us in the Brotherhood of Worlds . . . the Universal Community of Peace . . . the United Civilizations . . . they have many names but only one meaning. We have tended to be skeptical of the "utopian" messages relayed by the contactees from the spacemen—but *should* we be? Perhaps the very words we thought were only the preachings of self-appointed and deluded "messiahs" are actually genuine admonitions from a vast community of worlds far wiser than we are, is it the skeptics who are "deluding" themselves?

The briefer "contact" reports often bring up concise references to a "United Worlds" organization. As reported by UFOlogists Jim and Coral Lorenzen in their book *UFOs Over the Americas, Senor* C.A.V. of Lima, Peru, claimed to have a rather lengthy discussion with UFOnauts who actually asked—"Let us speak to your chief." When C.A.V. pointed out that it was rather difficult to arrange appointments with presidents or premiers, the aliens revealed that they came from a distant star; that their propulsion system obtained energy from stellar radiation, allowing them to cross space easily; that they are "gods" or were called such by earthmen at one time; that they were eternal beings, having conquered disease and death; and implied that Earth people too would someday achieve a "utopian" state with the aid of benign brother worlds.

C.A.V. did not ride in their flying saucer, nor write a book about his experience, and was proclaimed psychologically "normal" by doctors.

All other questions about UFOs have answers inherent in the extraterrestrial theory. The great number of UFOs (a million or more sightings estimated to have been made around the world)? It is simply the result of many millions of worlds with billions of spacecraft, visiting countless worlds like our own.

UFOlogists, as well as skeptics, have often wondered why whole formations of UFOs should even visit our tiny, insignificant planet. The answer is simple: because it is the "Space Peace Corps' " job to assist the most backward worlds that need the most help.

We may rest our case, so to speak, with a noble thought. If this hypothesis is true, then the future holds a shining and exalted promise when Earth is entered in the roster of the United Worlds and its millionfold membership of civilized planets that have long achieved lasting peace and a heavenly way of life. ★ THE END

WARMINSTER, ENGLAND

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one in the house had access to the equipment.

Another visitor bought a record while staying in Warminster for a few days. The disc was a new one, only recently released, and was in the locked car of one of the men skywatching at Starr Hill.

The driver, after locking the car, joined us at a gateway in front of an abandoned farm. Glancing back, he saw a shadowy form silhouetted against a car window. He counted the people at the gate and realized that the dark figure wasn't a member of our party. Then he ran back to his car and unlocked it. No one was inside, yet in the few seconds it took Neil Beverly to count the skywatchers, "someone" had been in the car. What was more amazing was that the new record was badly warped, wax-soft, and had obvious thumb impressions at the edges.

Also, a camera in the glove compartment had been dismantled, with its film "mischievously" turned around. Another container of film, this one developed, had been replaced backwards.

We have helped others search, in vain, for "lost" items such as glasses, knitting needles and wool, packs of cigarettes, small food baskets, coffee flasks, cameras, and so on. All were invariably "Found" later, often after arriving home.

These mystifying experiences later increased my feeling that much more than purely physical spaceships were at work. Not only did solid objects belonging to skywatchers seem to vanish, but UFOs themselves on occasion have been known to drift in and out of sight—and always in front of witnesses.

On a Sunday afternoon not too long ago I was with 30 trustworthy individuals when we all spotted an object about the size of a full moon. The UFO, elliptical in shape and having a semi-spherical dome, hung in a cloudless clear blue sky. Gray in color, the object was struck by a bright shaft of sunlight, transforming it into a brilliant, living jewel of dazzling magnificence.

We watched the hovering object for about a minute, during which several observers (including an ex-Royal Air Force bomber crewman) ran to get movie cameras. Before they could return, the UFO, which we estimated was hovering at an altitude of about 700 yards, began to tilt like a falling leaf and without warning "*flashed out.*"

We refused to believe that anything so obviously solid could disappear before our eyes. So we spread out and formed a large circle in a field bordering the roadside. Between us, with every member gazing at a different point on the horizon, we hoped to pick up the glittering object when it reappeared. Obviously it had sped from the peaceful scene at such blazing speed that it had deceived our eyes.

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We waited in vain for about three minutes, when: *"My God—look!"* shrieked one of the women. We looked again, and there, in precisely the same patch of clear blue sky where it had abruptly vanished, *the craft was reassembling itself.* Little by little, over a span of roughly three minutes, the UFO turned into a solid form again. We stood with our mouths open in total amazement, watching what assuredly had to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Gradually, in muted undertones of half-gray and white, the filaments started to interlace in mid air as the entire object began to re-form. The strands ceased to interweave as the "filling-in" operation finished, and there again in all its metallic might was the UFO.

Sometime later, in April 1973, in a field in Gwent, Monmouthshire, Wales, two little girls and an engineer were astounded when the luminous and glowing object standing before them literally disappeared as they approached it.

Saucer lore abounds with dozens, if not hundreds, of such "vanishing acts" made by these elusive craft. Perhaps this ability to weave in and out of Earth's physical dimension is a good answer to why we were so often frustrated in attempts to photograph UFOs. We often took pictures of what we knew to be typical UFO shapes, only to wince at the ridiculous results when our negatives were developed. We frequently ended up with prints emblazoned with rows of triangles and pyramids; weird animal heads; bodies and legs; wriggling snakes and serpents; or series of stairways and towering stone columns.

There is ample evidence to support my theory that Warminster is a "window" area to another plane of existence—or perhaps there are unique "properties" here that serve as some sort of landing beacon to some far off intelligent life. I can state for a fact that much of what has happened does not indicate the existence of ordinary astronauts from another galaxy. The pattern of events is far too complex and disturbing to simply conclude this.

And take my word for it—it's much safer to watch the skies around Warminster in the company of others. Many nights we have heard frightening sounds which could not be identified as belonging to man or beast.

At 2:30 one March morning in 1966, I stood at the edge of a cluster of trees near Cradle Hill, eyes raised towards a starless sky, the mist swirling in gray spirals around me. The first sound came from a barn nearby. It was a heavy footstep. I walked toward the building and no one was in or around it. Yet the sound was repeated several times, as though someone of giant size were walking, or clumping, in front of me. I hurried to catch up to it, but the "thing" changed its direction and I heard a shrill cackle that chilled my spine. For a few frightful seconds I was rooted to

the spot; then fear of the unknown overcame me and I fled down the trail, twisting my ankle in my rush to escape.

Bob Strong, another veteran sky-watcher who has photographed UFOs many times, had a similar experience. While a glowing-bodied "thing" swished down over Cradle Hill, he heard heavy footsteps thumping behind him, but when he turned around he realized no mortal was near.

It is reassuring to learn that the footsteps of these "ghostly walkers" have been heard by more than 27 people in the notorious area around Cradle Hill. On one occasion a research party hurriedly jumped out of the way and separated into two groups when an invisible prowler charged between them. Several other individuals, including myself, have been victims of coat-tugging "invisibles" at both Cradle and Starr Hills. In January 1974, Pauline Trubridge, who was standing near the barn where my initial encounter had taken place, screamed to her husband for help when the hem of her dress was violently tugged. Six of us scoured the area for more than an hour, finding no sign of the intruder.

One of our really close confrontations with alien intelligence came on the evening of Aug. 27, 1969 while 13 people were in our skywatching party at Cradle Hill. Among those on the hill, besides myself, were an ex-naval commander's wife, Mrs. Kathleen Bent; her friend Mrs. Eileen Keck; Ian Cowan and his wife Kathryn; Mrs. Gwen Smith; Christopher Trubridge; his student friend Robert Coates; Julian Butler; and John Dunscome.

At precisely 10:10 p.m. our attention was attracted to what can best be described as a "burning bush" about 600 yards southwest of our vantage point on Cradle Hill.

At first we thought it was rubbish being burned by a farmer, but we all commented how strange it was that this "circular" flame should suddenly erupt, without warning, as no smouldering or smoke was noticed prior to this by our ever watchful group.

Chris Trubridge and Robert Coates immediately started to run to the site while the rest of us followed more warily.

The burning effect "died" on the ground and was replaced by a large orange ellipsoid that hung motionless about 100 feet above the ground. It was glowing and immobile for almost three minutes.

While several members of our party discussed the rather sudden change, the object started to move southeasterly across Cop Heap in the direction of Starr Hill.

It was enormous! The UFO moved slowly, almost sedately, throwing off a bright and fitful halo around the craft's main body.

Shortly thereafter we saw a second, similar-shaped object much higher in the sky that was keeping pace with the bright orange UFO closer to the ground.

Our attention, however, was soon to be abruptly interrupted from the visual treat before us. We heard cries coming from the field, and running wildly toward us came Chris and Robert. They were trembling and their faces were ashen.

They drank hot coffee to recover from their experience. Then they blurted out an amazing story of a face-to-face encounter with a strange "being."

Standing before a crackling fire, they told us that they had run ahead to get a better look at the "burning bush." Upon reaching "Kidnapper's Hole" (so-called because in 1911 several horses vanished one night, presumedly toppling down a deep well) they saw the flame die out—and in its place stood a tall figure dressed in a shiny tight-fitting suit that reflected the beam of their searchlight.

A gold-colored "sash" was around its neck and shoulder that wound about the waist. No words were exchanged between anyone.

Bob is slightly over six feet tall. He estimated the figure to be a good foot taller than himself. Chris confirmed this. They also said that the "being" had long dark hair falling to shoulder length, bright eyes, and a rather "feminine" set of features. The "visitor" did not move, but the two men, overwhelmed by fear, would not approach closer than 30 yards.

As their searchlight swept over the huge form they decided not to dally any more, and ran back to the hilltop to report in staccato phrases what had happened.

While the two men were being questioned closely by the rest of the observers I wandered across the field. I had a flashlight in my sweating palm and with it beamed a friendly message (in Morse code) out into the darkness to relieve any apprehension on the part of our unexpected "guest." And while I sensed an unseen tingle in the air, my visual perception did not pick up any "spaceman wandering about.

A slightly different alien form made itself known to a group of us standing on Starr Hill in the winter of 1972.

When Diana Granville-Mathews and I arrived before 8:30 p.m., we were immediately aware of a "supercharged" atmosphere, which I can best describe as similar to the feeling one gets shortly before a thunderstorm when the air is full of electricity. We heard thumping noises from clumps of bushes to our left as we walked near a barn. We imagined the noises were being made by a wild animal, such as a badger or fox, but soon realized that our own movements made no noises!

We were shortly joined by John and Angela Bennett and Neil and Sally Pike. Neil is a bank employee, his wife the daughter of a former chief detective in the Wiltshire Constabulary. John is a former police officer. Another clumping sound caused us all to look at the hedgerow to our left. That's when we saw the three giant figures standing in a triangle at the edge of a field a good distance away. They were all of eight feet tall, had domed heads, no apparent necks, wide shoulders tapering to slim waists, and long arms that dangled at their sides. Their outlines were clearly discernible, even though it was dark.

All six of us felt terribly cold and apprehensive, as we sensed that those ghostly forms were not to be taken as friends.

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bodies and minds. We started to walk down a dirt track and the tall figures, transparent and oddly impressive, glided parallel to us at a distance of not more than 10 yards, but keeping to the hedgerows. When we stopped at the lower end of what is known as Mortar Clump, the figures again took up their triangular positions in front of us near some bushes and scrubland.

We found ourselves, quite unselfconsciously, talking to these ghostly giants, conveying love and trust to them; but they, in turn, didn't utter a sound. Yet, at this point, we sensed no suspicions or hostility from the trio, just a measured, calm, detached appraisal of us, and a warmth of emotion silently transmitted.

Neil walked over to one of the figures and bowed his head toward it while still talking. When he returned he told us that he had in fact *passed right through the eerie form!* The figures remained for 25 minutes before the roaring exhaust of cars approaching the area cut the night air and led to the abrupt disappearance of our friends.

All these stories—no matter how bizarre they sound—are easily verifiable. All observers, whose names are on file, will attest to what has been reported here. Over a nine year period I have faithfully recorded in over 35 notebooks each event I have personally witnessed or had been told about. Admittedly many of the incidents which have occurred around Warminster are incredible to our way of thinking, but we must keep in mind that they represent a truly alien pattern of behavior.

As for the reasoning behind this mass "invasion" of Warminster, I feel strongly that Salisbury Plain is a "window" to another dimension through which a superior race of beings can pass easily to our realm. From the ancient structures which still remain intact, it is possible to assume that this location has—for the longest period of time—been of immense importance to whoever pilots flying saucers.

It may be that such monuments as Stonehenge were constructed to act as homing devices to travelers far away from their bases. Or perhaps they were built as a gesture of greeting to these voyagers whose presence was a welcome sign in ancient times, and whose return in our era may offer hope and courage to those on our planet who must face and cope with an unoertain future.

Some of the UFOs we have encountered may have a true basis in reality—that is actual hardware we can see and touch—while others are believed to be of a "higher" source. Only time and further close encounters can determine this.

In any case, there is no longer any doubt in my mind that these transient passersby from space and time have much in store for us, and Warminster seems to be a key spot from which they plan to carry out their operation!

★ THE END

ALIEN OF BLOUNT ISLAND

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the search, he reported seeing several strange "meteors" that came from the direction of the Sutton farm. As he and his wife looked out of the car, they saw two of them passing overhead with a loud "swishing" noise. However, the result of the investigation proved fruitless. The craft had disappeared from the gully and there were no indications around the house of what had taken place.

Of biological significance, as author Vallee points out, is that, "The eyes of the entities were large and apparently very sensitive. It was noticed that they always approached the house from the darkest corner. There was no pupil in the eye, no eyelid; when the witnesses turned on the lights outside the house, it seemed to prevent the creatures from coming towards the doors."

Thus, as Norman Chastain stood on Blount Island, frozen with the shock of seeing a silver-suited alien outlined in the beam of his powerful spotlight, can we assume that this creature felt pain or discomfort from the light and so retaliated by blasting the witness with his own form of light ray? This extraterrestrial, as with the Sutton case, had similar large glowing eyes that apparently had no pupils or eyelids.

So, if by chance the Blount Island alien was in reality a robot on a surveillance mission, whose job was to take scientific readings (soil analysis, etc.) at the site of a future nuclear power plant, Norman Chastain may have inadvertently interfered and had to be stopped! There's no end to speculating on alien motivation and behavior, yet similar details from well-researched cases must be examined if we're to eventually draw any clear-cut patterns in the data.

However, the real evidence of the Blount Island sighting would uniquely present itself three days after the incident and right in the witness's own backyard.

It was now just a few days into February 1972 and Norman Chastain was asleep when a loud clap of thunder woke him up. "It was lightning and raining and then that same overpowering, distinctive stench that *thing* shot me with was pouring into my bedroom window. I jumped up to close the window, got my gun, and stayed awake the rest of the night listening and smelling that sickening odor. I wondered if that creature had some way of knowing where I went when I left the island."

Chastain got up several times during the stormy night to peer nervously out the window. His wife was sleeping in a separate bedroom on the opposite side of the house. Finally the storm ended and it was morning. Chastain heard his wife moving about and the cat meowing to be let out. He dressed rapidly and with gun in hand, cautiously opened the back door from where the stench was pouring in.

> ". . . For a moment, he thought he'd lost his mind. Growing in the grass directly behind the *Sea Camper* was a cluster of flesh colored 'heads.' It was like a scene from an all-too-real horror movie . . ."

For a moment, he thought he'd lost his mind. Growing in the grass directly behind the *Sea Camper* was a cluster of flesh-colored "heads." It was like a scene out of an all-too-real horror movie but the "plants" all resembled the facial distortions of the alien on the island and were producing the same terrible odor! With mouths gaping, large eye sockets shining with a white substance like glazed eyes, three of the five inch tall "heads" appeared fully developed while two of the smaller ones were, according to Chastain, like "new born babes with their eyes closed." The witness shuddered, looked skyward and on the ground for a space craft or other growths but there was nothing else unusual to be seen.

He had to have someone else witness the strange growth so he rushed to some of his neighbors' homes. The men had already gone to work. In a state of near frenzy, Chastain returned home, grabbed a shovel and dug up two of the bigger heads and the two smaller ones, and tossed them behind the nearby utility shed. Then he called to his wife, asking her to join him in the backyard.

Her first shocked response was, "Lord, that looks like something from another world!" Chastain desperately wanted to tell his wife everything that had happened the night he went fishing alone on Blount Island, but he held back, concerned about her delicate health. Already she was showing signs of becoming ill from smelling the noxious odor of the remaining growth.

"Go inside and call the police! Tell them something strange is growing in our backyard," Chastain said to his wife.

"And have them say I'm drunk or crazy when I tell them what it looks like; a pink devil with big eyes and pointed ears and a round mouth that's stinking up the neighborhood?" was her response.

Chastain had to agree with her but he desperately wanted other witnesses. Grabbing a shovel, he dug up the last freak growth, jumped in his car and headed for the Jacksonville *Journal* newspaper offices. He carefully placed the "head" on the front floorboard of his car.

"I had to drive with my head out the window because the stench was overpowering me," he said. "I was getting dizzy, the same helpless feeling I experienced on the island, and I was scared that the numbness might start to set in before I reached the newspaper office."

En route, Chastain narrowly avoided hitting another car. He jammed on his brakes and the growth slammed against the steep portion of the floorboard. Now another nightmare began. The "head" started oozing a red substance after the impact—a secretion which Chastain describes as similar to blood.

He tried to regain his composure at the newspaper offices as he described the weird plant in his car to the news editor. Chastain made no reference to the craft

or alient on Blount Island.

The news editor eyed Chastain suspiciously. "Is this on the level or have you been drinking?"

"I'm not a drinking man," Chastain answered, "but this thing in my car has got me woozy from the odor it's putting out!" Together with several other reporters, Chastain and the editor returned to the car. Someone in the group remarked upon closer examination of the growth, "Look into its mouth! It's even got little teeth!"

The "head" was not familiar to any of the *Journal* staff. Nor could the monstrosity be identified by Chastain's co-workers at the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company roundhouse, his next stop for additional witnesses after leaving the newspaper offices. Foreman John Ellis exclaimed, "Good Lord, is that thing putting out all the stink in here?"

Clyde Schramm, pipe fitter said, "Look at the red stuff coming out of the back of its head!"

By the following day, all the "heads" had shriveled into pink sponge-like balls which Chastain buried in the spot where they initially grew to see what would happen, but none of the Demon Plants reappeared.

As of this writing, soil samples taken from different depths in Chastain's backyard and on Blount Island are being subjected to various tests in several laboratories. The backyard soil, under preliminary microscopic examination, possesses substantial fungal hyphae (root filaments) and it is hoped that the spores remaining in the samples will germinate in a humidity chamber set to duplicate the conditions that prevailed on the night they grew.

What exactly are these spores? Are we talking about extraterrestrial ones seeded in terrestrial soil? While this cannot be ruled out thus far, another tentative hypothesis may be possible. One clue to the freak "heads" is indicated by the terrible stench they gave off.

Louis C. C. Krieger in *The Mushroom Handbook* says of the variety of fungi called stinkhorns that they have ". . . the insupportable effluvium of Limburger cheese raised to the *n*th degree." Because of the stench, these mushrooms attract flies and thus the spores are disseminated by the insects which carry them on their bodies and in their excreta. The flies also deposit their eggs on these fungi and the maggots then have a ready supply of food as they mature, eating their way through the flesh of the mushroom. The resulting holes in the stinkhorn will produce various designs and a few varieties in the stinkhorn family will ooze a blood-like red substance when cut or split open.

Does that eliminate any connection between the alien on the island and the peculiar growths in Chastain's backyard? Did the witness merely fall into a patch of stinkhorns on the island and transport spores on his shoes or body back to his home where they would "magically" pop out of the ground several nights later due to the extreme rain and weather conditions?

The specialists working on this case could not agree. The probability that

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maggots would eat a precise face in one stinkhorn might be called coincidental but the odds are astronomical that all five of the fungi would be eaten in precisely the same manner to produce identical shapes. That the mushroom would bear such a close resemblance to the creature on the island is also rather remote. It is also significant that the "heads" grew near the location where Chastain drained the water from the *Sea Camper*—water that may have been irradiated from the UFO which hovered over the boat.

Prof. Leslie Paleg of Adelaide University of Australia recently announced the remarkable method of using laser beams on plant life to influence plant behavior and growth. "Only bursts are needed because laser light is highly concentrated and intense," the distinguished agricultural scientist said. "We have been able to show that a one second burst of light from a laser a quarter mile away will affect the growth of a morning glory vine."

And in that area of research lies the key, not just to the Chastain mystery but the many UFO close encounters and landings which have affected the soil and produced the huge circular rings of mutated plant life nearby.

Laser, microwave, and other light energies used in biological research is still a relatively new science. But if the fungi can be made to germinate in the Florida soil samples, we can work backward to determine what kind of light beam—or energy—produced the mutation, yielding still more definitive data on the technological secrets of flying saucers and their occupants. ★ THE END

SAVE THE EARTH?

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submarines, was speeding along at a rate of 200 knots. This same mystery sub was reported a dozen times more by other ships, including Soviet vessels that bewilderedly exchanged information with U.S. units.

On every Navy vessel of that time, there was a MERINT placard that warned all seamen to watch for *unidentifiable* craft in the air, in the water, or under the sea. A few simple drawings of typical UFOs were included, plus instructions to take careful note of any sighted. The Navy, strangely enough, has always been less reticent than the Air Force in acknowledging the possible reality of flying saucers.

But now it was *USOs*—Unidentified Submerged Objects. The Navy has accumulated a thick file of such reports through the years, as have various scientists aboard ships engaged in oceanographic research. Sounding devices have repeatedly detected mystery submersibles moving at fantastic speeds and at depths down to 27,000 feet.

Strange objects have also been seen erupting from the ocean amid an immense geyser of water, and then soaring into the sky. Conversely, UFOs of conventional saucer shape have been seen diving into the water. They apparently double as USOs underwater as well as aerial UFOs. One of the most startling sightings was made during the Navy's Operation Deep Freeze, in Antarctic waters. A half-mile from an icebreaker, thick ice abruptly cracked open, sending huge chunks flying in all directions. A silvery shape then shot into the sky with steam boiling all around it. Later measurements showed that the thickness of the ice around the new hole was 37 feet deep!

We can only surmise how many unseen UFOs are diving constantly into the sea, but we can give an educated guess as to *what* they do as USOs down in the depths. They're patrolling the deep-sea fault lines of Earth to somehow quell the increasing number of underwater volcano eruptions that in time might rupture the Earth's crust where it is thinnest—at the bottom of the sea.

Solar Phenomena

Another portent of possible Earth doom is the sun and its recent strange behavior. In addition to conditions on Earth, and in fact contributing strongly to them, are the recent solar phenomena that have astounded and alarmed scientists.

As mentioned before, the sun's magnetic field reversed in 1956-58, so that the north and south poles switched position. Can this occurrence harm our planet? Decidedly so, for it radically changes the whole pattern of how the solar "wind" affects our atmosphere and weather. The solar wind is composed of the vast swarm of electrons, protons, and other ions constantly being radiated by the sun. These strike Earth's Van Allen Belts, create the aurora, are the major part of the ultraviolet shield and ionosphere, and heat up the air and ocean waters. When fluctuations occur in the solar wind, the effects on Earth are often drastic because of the enormous energies involved. As the sun goes, so goes our planet.

The sun's magnetic reversal has a special effect in the way it clashes with Earth's magnetic field, which has not reversed. Obviously, the sun's north magnetic forces which formerly were aligned with Earth's south magnetic pole now mesh with our north magnetic pole, and vice versa. And as we shall see later using Immanuel Velikovsky's theories, such electromagnetic interactions between the sun and its planets may be as strong or even stronger than gravity.

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In other words, the solar magnetic reversal may have "jolted" Earth and may still be jolting it in a variety of ways throughout its underground depths. It is comparable to an electric motor switching its magnetic poles which would make it jerk violently.

Another kind of "jolt" from the sun comes from its photosphere (surface) and corona (atmosphere). Such phenomena include solar flares and sunspots.

And again we find that these phenomena have increased in quantity and violence in recent years, and have set new records. On Aug. 7, 1972, astronomers witnessed a tremendous outburst of solar energy; so great that the OSO-7 space vehicle (Orbiting Solar Observatory), reported that the solar eruption released more power in one hour than the entire U.S. could consume in 100 million years. The temperature of the solar wind that resulted from this eruption was two million degrees—20 times higher than normal.

This was accompanied by the appearance of many sunspots, one of which broke all records by having a diameter of 62,400 miles. And all this occured during what was supposed to be the *lowest* period of the 11-year sunspot cycle!

In 1973, the sun astonished scientists even more. "The flares of last August (1972) were unusual for this time period," said NASA's James E. Milligan of Marshall Space Flight Center, "but at least they were limited to just one region. Now (1973) the active regions are popping out all over the place. The sun is just blowing its top."

During three weeks in August-September 1973 there were 24 "active" regions, which displayed two giant X-ray flares, dozens of huge surface flares, and enormous interplanetary magnetic fields that upon reaching Earth caused geomagnetic (lightning) storms, brilliant aurora displays, and disrupted shortwave radio reception.

According to the telescopic observations of the Skylab astronauts of that time, "the sun danced in the sky." They reported that on September 7th the "big daddy" of all flares occurred, a proton flare that released energy equivalent to 10 times the Earth's mass. The total power was equal to 100 million major earthquakes.

Is it any wonder, when such colossal radiant energy literally collides with Earth, that our planet receives an enormous jolt that shakes it to its very core? If the sun is hurling out such cosmic "bombs" during its "quiet" period, what will it do when the next maximum sunspot cycle begins in five years? Scientists may not say it publicly, but they must be worried.

Earthquakes

Getting back to the Earth itself, we come to the greatest single sign that our planet is entering a period of major upheavals. And we also encounter definite signs of some sort of UFO activity connected with these dreaded convulsions of the ground under our feet.

As mentioned before, earthquakes are occurring more frequently than ever before, as determined by the worldwide seismological detection system that has been in use for a long time. And their tempo has increased enormously in just the past 10 years. There are over a million minor earth tremors each year, but here is what the official records show as to big earthquakes over 7.5 on the Richter scale.

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which goes up to 10.

Decade	Number of Quakes
1911-1920	98
1921-1930	163
1931-1940	194
1941-1950	292
1951-1960	350
1961-1970	405

The final figure for the most recent decade plainly reveals the four fold increase in earthquake activity since early in this century.

Major earthquakes rated as over 7.5 on the Richter scale have increased to around 10 per year since 1970. All big earthquakes are not disasters if they occur in remote regions or under the sea. But if they occur in heavily populated areas they become great tragedies, such as the Chilean quake of early 1973.

More than that, seismologists are discovering mysteries about the recent quakes. One example is the earthquake of April 1973 in Hawaii. An hour before the upheaval occurred, puzzling phenomena were recorded. The ionosphere, 50 miles high, that reflects radio waves disappeared. Also, the Navy's Omega Navigational System, a sophisticated technique of long-wave radio signals for guiding ships at sea "began drifting and making no sense."

Scientists were quoted as saying, "It's too much like Buck Rogers—we have no explanation for it yet." They went on to report that "another peculiar thing about the quake was that our seismographic instruments . . . kept on vibrating. The ground vibrated for about two hours . . . whereas it should have died off in about a half hour or 45 minutes. We're still trying to figure out the reason for this."

In short, it was a new kind of quake that went on too long according to previous knowledge, and had great repercussions in the atmosphere and ionosphere.

We come next to what is either an amazing coincidence or something very significant—the link between UFOs and earthquakes. Immediately before, during, or after every earthquake there is a flurry or "flap" of flying saucer sightings as proved by many records.

- As far back as 1731, when Florence, Italy, was struck by an earth shock on December 9th, a "luminous cloud disappeared behind the horizon."
- Also the following year on May 22nd, when another shock came, the authorities reported that "several weeks before the shock, globes of light had been seen in the air."
- During the English earthquake of 1816, the press reported that "a large luminous body, bent like a crescent, was seen."
- In 1923 strange "lights" were observed in the sky during the Japanese quake of September 1st.
- During the quake in France of 1954, a "bright flash" and a "fiery disk" were seen.
- At another earthquake in 1954, which struck Algeria, witnesses reported "immense numbers" of UFOs passing high over the land and reappearing for weeks afterward.
- Five UFOs shaped like "black tadpoles" visited the scene of a British quake of 1957.

And various kinds of UFOs have constantly hovered over the ill-famed San Andreas Fault of California since 1896.

From Pereiro, a small town in Brazil, comes the most telling evidence of all, linking UFOs and earthquakes. Since 1968, a series of tremors has plagued the region, always accompanied by tremendous thunderclaps and giant bluish-green fireballs either shooting over or stopping to hover. Oddly enough, the fireballs always appear three hours before each earth shock. More than 30,000 people have witnessed these events in that general region. Avalanches, too, seem to attract the attention of UFOs as reported by people at Puente del Inca who saw shining lights hanging in the sky.

The clincher to all this is that UFO researchers have examined a massive portion of all flying saucer reports through the years and came to the conclusion that 40 percent of all UFO sightings occurred along Earth's known fault lines.

Fault lines are those portions of the Earth's crust which are in a state of imbalance, as determined by seismological instruments. At least 90 percent of all earthquakes occur in those areas. The main fault lines of earth are:

> "... After having already saved the world once, are the humanitarian UFOnauts about to save it twice? This time from geological disaster? ..."

Throughout Indonesia and the islands of the South Pacific;

From Malay north along the coast of China;

All of Japan and its chain of islands, extending on to the Aleutians and Alaska;

In Europe, from the Mediterranean eastward into Turkey, Iran and Iraq, to the Himalayas; and

Last but far from least, along the entire western coast of North and South America, from northern Canada down to Chile.

It looks very much as if there is a UFO "Peace Corps" (see SAGA, March 1972) that patrols the fault lines of Earth, already knowing of increased earthquake activity, and hopefully planning to do something about it.

We have a strange clue in a book written by Capt. Bruce Cathie of Australia (*HARMONIC-33*). In it he develops a cogent theory, backed up by intricate calculations, that UFOs are building—or reconstructing from ancient times—a "grid" around our entire planet. The "grid" is composed of "energy receptors" buried deep in the Earth. The completed grid, Captain Cathie believes, will draw enormous energy from within Earth, either to utilize it in some mysterious way—or to siphon off dangerous energy-pools underground.

As Captain Cathie says: "The Earth continues to move around the great year-circle (solar orbit), and other places will face disaster (referring to Atlantis) unless the UFO crews complete the rebuilding of the grid in time to stop more devastation. Under those circumstances, I am glad they are around, and the sooner the work (on the grid) is completed, the better."

By means of magnetometers and other instruments, Cathie states he has discovered a few of the grid's "nodal points" which are devices buried deep underground or undersea. His theory ties in strongly with the orthotenic straight lines of French engineer Aime Michel, one of the most respected names in UFOlogy. (Orthotenic lines are the plotted courses and geographical positions of sightings, indicating that they all converge at certain "nodes" along Earth's great circles—the same keynote as in Cathie's worldwide "grid.")

Let's turn now to another clue to impending Earth doom that is less material but may, for all we know, be the most certain—the predictions of psychics and seers. Edgar Cayce, famed "Sleeping Prophet," psychic healer and master of ESP phenomena, predicted the following (in which the end of the known world and the end of the 20th Century coincide):

- Earth breaking up in western America, engulfing California completely;
- Land to appear off the East Coast and especially near Florida. This being the rising of ancient Atlantis;
- Northern Europe "will be changed in the winking of an eye," meaning that the topography will completely change with mountains moving, land sinking, and all waters overflowing;
- Vast upheavals in the polar regions and volcano eruptions in the torrid zones will result from a shifting of Earth's poles; and
- Such coastal cities as Los Angeles and New York, and many others, will be destroyed and vanish completely.

Cayce is not alone in his chilling predictions. Today's seers almost seem to be trying to outdo one another, yet they are deadly earnest, claiming higher knowledge through paranormal powers.

Britain's famed John Pendragon, before his death in 1970, predicted that "The cities of the Atlantic coast (in the U.S.) from Boston to Baltimore will be wiped out . . . I have already published my predictions on London being partially underwater, and the lowands of England being submerged." Other parts of the world, he predicted, would be equally devastated in a worldwide holocaust.

In line with the above are the glimpses into the future, via "precognition," claimed by Countess Amaya of Puerto Rico, who states: "People should prepare for widespread disasters. Earthquakes, famine, plagues, and a shifting of the Earth's polar system is starting. Our planet is under considerable stress . . . pressure is building up to create massive destruction in the future."

Bertie Catchings of Dallas, Tex., acclaimed as the "Psychic of the Southwest," foresees major catastrophes including great earthquakes that will crumble much of Earth's surface, huge tidal waves that will drown millions, and hurricanes ravaging large areas.

Dr. Ernesto Montgomery of California envisions earthquakes starting as "a deep subterranean roar. The noise will be so terrible that many people will die from shock. The Earth will twist and great, enormous cracks will suddenly open up. Entire cities . . . and towns will plunge downward into a dark, bottomless chasm."

Ted Owens, who avows he is the voice of the SIs (Space Intelligences in UFOs): "Earth changes in the future will be utterly shocking . . . vast forces are building up throughout the world. The destruction [from earthquakes] will be utterly fantastic; the loss of lives and property unimaginable." He also predicts that the forces of "outraged nature" will join in the destruction of mankind, including animals, birds, and insects.

Other seers are Malva Dee of Canada, Joseph De Louise of Chicago, Ill., Harold Shroeppel of Oak Park, Ill., Dr. Ingrid Sherman of Yonkers, N.Y., Del St. Clair of Missouri, and Ruth Zimmerman of Chicago, to mention a few. The really peculiar thing is that they almost *unanimously* express the same thought—a cataclysmic fate for Earth—in public without hedging. All of them have been uncanny in predicting events such as assassinations and unexpected political changes. Some have been tested scientifically in parapsychology laboratories and have proved their psi powers are real.

It makes one shudder to hear dozens of people who *can* (as proved) look into the future and have them all tell you they see the same horrendous event—the end of the world as we know it. Even Jeane Dixon sees an end to our civilization, in part or entirely.

And to top it all off, the famed Nostradamus of centuries ago, according to certain interpretations, clearly foresaw that cities would crumple in the 20th Century.

Scientists consider predictions of world catastrophes as silly scare-mongering, but a Russian geophysicist named Belouzov startled the International Geophysical Congress held in Helsinki, Finland, in 1960, by boldly saying there is scientific evidence that the Earth is headed for another spell of immense geophysical upheaval within the lifetimes of some now living. He bases his gloomy prediction on the fact that vast quantities of magna (Earth's molten interior) are now on the move, which will cause titanic upheavals involving vast areas of our planet.

And this brings up the big question. Are all the psychics and seers wrong—and the scientists right? The scientific establishment in general tenaciously adheres to the long-held doctrine of "gradualism" which sees Earthly geological changes as occurring through eons of time, without violence. Mountains take 50 million years to rise, oceans change the shape of coastlines so gently that bordering settlements are never endangered but simply move away, earthquakes and volcanic activity are nicely spread throughout thousands of years so that there is little threat to human beings.

However, directly opposed to this cheerful picture is the ominous "Catastrophic Theory" of Immanuel Velikovsky. A controversial figure since 1950, Dr. Velikovsky exploded a bombshell among scientists by stating the theory that vast Earth changes do not take millions of years but often happen like a thunderclap in mere hours or days. He pointed out that the myths of all peoples around the world in ancient times invariably tell of the Great Flood, quite like the Bible with its story of Noah and the Ark. Further evidence are the stories in the Bible of entire cities destroyed, nations wiped out, and "hosts" killed. Every culture in our ancient past has similar accounts of massive annihilation. Another point Velikovsky brings up is that at times paleontologists are amazed when they dig up enormous heaps of animal bones—40 million specimens at a time—that became extinct virtually overnight.

From these and other telling clues, Velikovsky makes statements that are shocking to orthodox science: "There *were* civilizations like ours (in the past) that were destroyed. We see that the so-called Old Bronze Age of ancient Egypt was destroyed in universal catastrophes . . ."

And so, too, he predicts, our world and our civilization can someday fall before the mighty forces of rampant nature gone wild as the entire face of the Earth is totally changed.

". . .'The Guardians are doing all they can under cosmic law to help men of Earth. They send balls of light into the atmosphere to help neutralize dangerous atomic radiations'. . ."

Velikovsky is only the latest (and best) of the "cataclysmists." Other famed scientists espoused this anti-gradualism concept, such as J. Andre DeLuc in 1779, Georges Cuvier in 1812, also Dolomieu, Escher, Forel, and Von Buc—all renowned geologists.

Said Cuvier in no uncertain terms: "It is of much importance to mark that these repeated eruptions [of the land] and retreats of the sea have been neither slow nor gradual; on the contrary, most of the catastrophes which have occasioned them have been *sudden* . . ."

Now then, we reach a jarring thought—if UFOs are here to save our world, why didn't they save those lost civilizations of the past? Perhaps they *did*, at least to a limited extent. Obviously, the human race is still going and was never wiped out completely. Also, Velikovsky cites Earth upheavals occurring on two occasions only 10,000 and 23,000 years ago, which were "limited" in scope and did not cause worldwide destruction of civilization.

Did the UFO "Good Samaritans" begin their Earth-saving practices long ago? Have they in effect been perfecting their techniques of quelling disruptive forces within our planet? And this time will they succeed in staving off the kind of major disaster that periodically overwhelmed the world?

This may be sheer speculation, except for one factor in the UFO mystery that seems to prove they have already saved the world from one kind of doom—man-made doom. And this was from the results of atomic bomb tests that the U.S. and Russia so recklessly carried out after 1945 up until the test ban treaty.

Why did the alarmed predictions of certain scientists, that radioactive contamination of the air would wipe out millions of lives, *never come about?* One scientific quote of that time, out of many, was: "The multimegaton bombs being carelessly, and criminally, exploded in the atmosphere will bear a fearful harvest within a year, as poisonous fallout residues settle down all over Earth wih the rain." Those doom-prophet scientists were probably as surprised, and overjoyed, as anyone else when such a "nuclear massacre" did not happen, even though it seemed mathematically and biologically certain.

The vital clues are the "green fireballs." They first appeared during the fall of 1948, just when our atomic tests in New Mexico and Nevada began regularly with larger and larger plutonium fission bombs—the kind that release vast quantities of radioactive fallout.

The mysterious large and small green fireballs blazed across the skies year after year and in 1951 reached a crescendo, when nine huge and brilliant ones were reported. They were seen by at least 165 qualified witnesses who were all Air Force or technical men associated with the many atomic installations in the Southwest.

The Pentagon quickly became interested, and no doubt alarmed, and Project Twinkle was established in 1949 to determine what the amazing green objects were. The project's scientific staff never did find out nor issue any final conclusions.

What *were* the green fireballs? Could those blazing objects, as many scientists shrugged, merely be unusual meteors or meteorites? The data completely refuted this in several undeniable ways . . .

- Their color was the green of "burning copper," and copper particles discovered in the air at that time were 10 times normal in quantity. Meteorites which fall to Earth contain little or no copper.
- Meteorites travel in a downward curve or trajectory and often strike the ground. The green fireballs traveled in straight lines overhead, and never landed, usually fading out or exploding in mid-air without any pieces falling to Earth.
- Meteorites that explode aboveground make a thunderous detonation heard for dozens of miles. The green fireballs exploded silently.
- Meteorites never fail to appear year after year. The green fireballs virtually disappeared after 1952.

Then came another explanation off the scientific cuff—they were ball lightning. This theory also fell with a dull thud upon closer inspection of the data. Lightning balls have never been seen as huge as the green fireballs, nor can they last longer than 15 minutes. Some green fireballs blazed across several states and stayed aloft far longer. Finally, ball lightning can only appear during an electrical storm or at the end of a thunderstorm. The green

fireballs appeared in clear skies with no visible storm in sight.

But the quotes of scientists themselves are of sufficient weight to dispel any confusion between meteorites and green fireballs. Lincoln LaPaz, the government investigator sent to solve the mystery, was told of the nine big fireballs of 1951 and said that "A fall of nine bright meteorites in a year [over one certain area] would be considered exceptional." The nine green fireballs all appeared in a period of three weeks over an area restricted to five southwestern states.

In *LIFE* magazine of Apr. 7, 1952, two scientists apparently groping for any reasonable explanation of the phenomena, were finally quoted as saying: "They are *not* distortions of the atmosphere resulting from atomic activity. Nor are they aberrations of the Northern Lights. Magnetic disturbances cannot account for them." At that point there was nothing left to suggest.

If we link the relatively brief period of green fireball sightings (1948-1952), with their geographical location in the southwestern U.S. near atomic installations, plus the many UFO sightings all over that area, we can either marvel at the fantastic coincidence—or believe that the UFOs *created* the green fireballs for some purpose.

What was this purpose?

In plain and simple terms (as believed by many serious UFOlogists) the green fireballs were created to cleanse the atmosphere above atomic test sites and to *absorb* radioactive fallout *before* it spread around the world. This explanation has been reported many times over from "contactees" (people who claim to have met UFO occupants) and also by earthbound psychics who report ESP messages from the "Space Brothers" in UFOs. If we tend to frown at such "dubious" sources of information, let's remember the previous "doomsday" psychics whose ESP powers have been authenticated. Information received paranormally cannot be that easily discounted.

One such highly respected psychic in California was Mark Probert. Among the many communications he supposedly received from "higher entities" guarding Earth are these words: "The Guardians are doing all they can under cosmic law to help men of earth. They send these [green] balls of light into the atmosphere to help neutralize dangerous atomic radiations. They [the fireballs] gather the radiation and convert it to forms less dangerous to the human body."

There we have it. Frightened scientists in 1945 making clear-cut calculations and fully expecting worldwide death from fallout, then this catastrophe astonishingly failing to come to pass—after the phenomenon of the green fireballs in the southwest atomic testing grounds of the U.S. After having already saved the world once, are the humanitarian UFOnauts about to save it twice? This time from geological disaster?

In conclusion, let me quote from a tape I received from Norma Cathy (the same sensitive who sent me the data for my article "Psychic Pearl Harbor," SAGA, October 1971). She explains that she receives these messages by clear telepathy from the Space Brothers and jots down the words somewhat like a "secretary." They call her one of their "channels" of communication. Totally untrained in science or technology, Norma produces texts containing highly technical details, many tinged with unearthly phraseology. In one long tract, of which only a small part can be presented here in paraphrased form, she conveys the following revelations concerning UFO activities on Earth as carried out by landed saucers and their crews. The date is August 1969.

Greetings, Channel 88! The Space Brothers contact you once again.

As you know, we have established our laboratories on other planets of your solar system, also on high plateaus on Earth. Today we are holding a meeting at a hidden spot southeast of Reno, Nev. We formerly cleansed your atmosphere of radioactive poisons, [sic] and now we are neutralizing the dangerous effects from the tests of nuclear blasts underground carried out by your scientists.

We have also attempted to curb adverse weather conditions by using huge vacuum chambers that will stabilize the atmosphere. But it will take time and meanwhile expect an increase in lightning storms around your world.

> "... He pointed out that the myths of all people around the world in ancient times invariably tell of the Great Flood, quite like the Bible with its story of Noah and the Ark. Further evidence are the stories in the Bible of entire cities destroyed, nations wiped out, and 'hosts' killed ..."

But a more serious matter before our council is that unchecked forces are building up in your world's interior between the molten core and the crust. Earth is suffering from a lack of balanced fields of force in the solar system. All planetary orbits are now imbalanced due to gravity clashing with space magnetic bottles [probably interplanetary magnetic fields produced by solar flares]. We are seeking stabilization by placing bands or rings of protective energy [like the Van Allen Belts?] around the Earth.

But we must attack the problem in different ways. Down on Earth itself we have already placed damping force fields around fault lines which are producing earthquakes. We also follow your planet's magnetic lines of force to map large mineral deposits which bisect the transition power zones. For the purpose of studying and preventing or subduing such Earth shocks, we have established large workshops underground. In them, devices are made which neutralize Earth movements below ground in several ways.

1) We have placed cone-shaped thermal sensors—somewhat like huge thermometers—at strategic points to record all shifts of heat-power within Earth.

2) We also have "rods" recording Earth vibrations and underground lava migrations that may mean trouble.

3) Our "optiscope" is like a telescope but gives us distant observations through solid rock. A vision beam is projected at right angles to provide 4D images deep down.

4) Among the methods used to *quell earthquakes* are the ultrasonic technique (high-pitched sound waves) and the molecular fusion of crystals that you call gems.

If our project succeeds, we will gradually gain control over earthquakes and other destructive forces of inner-Earth, and thus prevent what would otherwise be worldwide catastrophe for your people. Our target time is fairly close, about one human generation ahead.

Contact over. Farewell for now, Channel 88.

Previously, Norma Cathy correctly predicted the vast upsurge of psychic research in the Soviet Union, which some scientists fear will mean uncanny forces used by the Soviets against the Western world.

Is her new message equally valid?

The weird and wild weather of recent years . . . the alarming increase in earthquakes, volcano eruptions, and other natural disasters . . . the abnormal behavior of the sun, affecting Earth . . . the statistical fact that 40 percent of all UFO sightings are along Earth's fault lines . . . the near unanimity of the doomsday seers . . . and the message of Norma Cathy, among others, from the Space Brothers . . . all of them point, if our interpretation is right, to the possibility of mankind being annihilated or at least the eclipse of our civilization before the end of the 20th Century.

It is disturbing to find another corroboration, even if indirect, in how the activities of flying saucers and of the occupants of landed UFOs fit into this theme. It tends to explain the following:

The "pointless" way UFOs will sometimes hover over one area for hours as if seeking trouble spots in Earth's interior;

The intense "searchlight" beams they shine straight down to the ground . . . and maybe *into* the ground to perhaps detect or correct Earth slips;

The widespread electromagnetic effects that cut off car lights, radios, and engines . . . which may be an *accidental* by-product of their applying powerful electric magnetic forces underground;

"Heat rays" that have at times inadvertently burned human witnesses whose real purpose may be some thermal operation in the soil or rock below;

The many times UFOnauts stepping from their landed craft carry various strange instruments that sparkle or click . . . which may be sensors to check on underground conditions that may be dangerous; and

The many conversations, verbal or telepathic, that are reported in contactee cases in which Earth is warned about nuclear explosions, imminent holocausts, and a "new age" may not be hallucinations . . . but could be bona fide revela-

tions from the "guardians" in flying saucers.

Sheer speculation, possibly. But it ties in remarkably with the evidence for the Earth-saving motive as the best possible *reason* why UFOs are here.

★ THE END

PHANTOM AIRSHIPS

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On July 24th, a Riwaka witness saw a light move across the sky, zigzagging through the air. A similar light caused a flurry of excitement in Dunedin and Mosgiel on the night of the 28th. Some said a "dark body" was visible behind the light. A settler at Kauroo Hill told of seeing an object "shaped like a boat with a flat top, speeding along at something like 30 miles an hour or more."

At Greymouth the next night a light was observed "moving up and down and advancing toward Greymouth Harbor." After descending near the shore, it rose again and headed toward Point Elizabeth, traveling against a strong wind.

"What looked like an airship" propelled by "large fans" maneuvered over the Blue Mountains on the night of July 31st. Occupants figure in a story told by a citizen of Waipawa who claimed to have seen a craft over Kaikora. He said the object was gray and torpedo-shaped, with three men aboard, one of whom shouted at him in an unintelligible language. The man watched the craft for some time and said it seemed to be under perfect control.

Reports continued all through August. The objects disappeared after about September 9th.

In 1914, South Africans sighted unknown objects they compared to Zeppelins. In that year there was not a single airplane capable of flying in the entire Union of South Africa; there wasn't even an airfield. Yet reports persisted despite official ridicule.

In January "a powerful searchlight attached to an aeroplane" crossed over Pretoria. It made a swishing sound as it circled overhead. There were no other published reports until August 20th, when Cape Town and the surrounding area were visited by two objects "like large pieces of wood." During the next 10 days thousands of South Africans from Cape Town to Mafeking (a distance of 800 miles) observed unidentified aircraft. Near the end of the month a hovering airship disrupted a match at Green Point Golf Links between two Cape Town women's clubs. The women cleared the course while soldiers brought in guns and heavy artillery to down the object if it came within range. It didn't, and when darkness fell, it flew away.

Reviewing the sightings, which ended in late October, an official document prepared by the Department of Justice noted, "It had a long narrow torpedo shape with planes attached . . . And everyone was quite serious in his belief that he actually saw or heard it." Even so, the Secretary of Justice labeled the entire affair an "illusion."

But years afterwards Edgar Sievers, author of *Flying Saucer Uber Sudafrika*, in-

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terviewed an old farmer from Greytown, Natal, who said that one evening in September 1914, he had encountered a landed "German aircraft" similar to those he had been reading about in the papers. The object rested on the grasslands not far from him. Nearby he saw two "German spies" with a pail taking water from a stream.

The airship saga ends in Canada in 1915, where on February 14th citizens of Brockville, Ontario, spotted three unidentified aircraft crossing the St. Lawrence River from the U.S. As Premier Sir Robert Borden told the press the next day, "Last night about nine o'clock I was called up on the telephone by the Mayor of Brockville, who told me that three airplanes had been seen . . . passing over Brockville and that one of them had turned a powerful searchlight upon Brockville, which had strongly illuminated the streets for some time. He added that the aircraft had proceeded northwest, in the direction of Ottawa. I immediately gave the information to the military authorities."

Operating on the theory that the unknown aeronauts were planning to harm the Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia, members of the royal family that were visiting Canada at the time, the authorities turned off the street lights of Ottawa, all the lights of government buildings, and then called a military alert.

But it was all to no avail, because the objects never reached Ottawa. Just where they did go, nobody seemed to know, but they were seen returning along the same route they had come about 1:30 a.m.

It has been a long time since these mystery airships roamed the skies but even now, 60 years later, we are no closer to explaining them than our grandparents and great-grandparents were. At least one thing about these early UFOs is certain: they are, in the carefully understated words of a baffled Englishman who had seen one, "something of a mystery."

★ THE END

PASCAGOULA

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After Hickson was examined on the front side of his body, the two creatures turned him over and he was examined lying face down. When the "eye" finished scanning him in this position, Hickson was turned to about a 45-degree angle, while still suspended in midair with no visible support. His feet were pointed toward the floor, but not touching it. The "eye" continued the examination of his body in that position.

During one period, Hickson was left alone in the room. The two creatures vanished and he was left immobile. "I still couldn't move any part of my body," he reported. "It was about like being paralyzed. Except for my fear, I didn't feel any pain during the entire ordeal. I don't think these things had any intentions of hurting us. We were handled very gently at all times."

The creatures returned to the room, picked up Hickson and took him outside the ship. They returned him to his original spot on the pier. "I just sort of floated down to the ground," he recalled. "I was so scared and weak-kneed that I may have fallen over. I don't remember for certain. The creatures walked back toward the ship, not really walking, but just sort of gliding or floating toward it. One strange thing was that their legs remained together; they didn't move their legs as we do in walking."

Parker was also returned to the pier at the same time. As soon as the creatures reached the ship, they vanished amid a loud whirring noise. The ship shot up into the night sky. "It didn't take more than a half second to disappear from sight," said Hickson.

As soon as the ship was gone, Hickson cried to Parker.

"*My God!*" he roared. "I don't believe it! I've got to have a drink to calm down my nerves." Hickson rushed to his nearby car, and grabbed a bottle of whiskey. He took a long, throat-burning slug. The two men then discussed what they should do. Hickson wondered if they should make a report to the authorities. "There isn't anybody who will believe us," he told Parker. "We might as well forget about telling someone about it."

However, after further discussion, the men decided they had to tell someone about their bizarre experience. They went first to the offices of the *Mississippi Daily Press* in Pascagoula, and learned that newsmen on the paper had gone home. Next, they telephoned the office of Sheriff Fred Diamond at Jackson County's law enforcement center. The telephone call was taken by Deputy Capt. Glenn Ryder.

"I thought they were pulling my leg at first," Captain Ryder admitted. "I didn't believe them. But there was something in Parker's voice that made me ask them to come to the office. Parker seemed terrified and he could hardly talk."

"They called about 11 p.m.," Sheriff Diamond said. "As soon as they came through the door, they asked for a lie detector test. The young boy, Parker, was almost scared to death. He was in a state of near shock. Both men were frightened. They wanted help. They said they just had to tell someone about their experience."

> ". . .'There is no reasonable doubt that the craft came from outer space,' Dr. Harder declared. 'It was definitely extraterrestrial. Where they came from and why they are here is a matter of conjecture'. . ."

Sheriff Diamond and Captain Ryder listened to Hickson and Parker for several hours that night. "We listened to what they had to say. We questioned them separately, then put them in a room with a hidden tape recorder," Sheriff Diamond said. "We monitored their conversation, and their story—whether told together or individually—was always the same. To them, their experience was real and they showed it emotionally."

"When we put them in the room, they didn't know about the tape recorder," said Captain Ryder. "After I listened to the tapes, I believed them. If they were lying, they should be in Hollywood because they're the greatest actors I've ever met."

On tape, when they were left alone in the room, Hickson cried: "My God! I've never seen anything like this in my life! I'm a wreck! I've got to get out of here!"

Hickson's voice was edged with shock and nervous tension. Later, he moaned, "Why did this have to happen to us? Why? I made it through the war . . . I've never been so scared in all my life!"

Parker went into a state of shock twice during the questioning that night. On several occasions, Parker dropped to his knees and began praying. Left alone in the monitored interrogation room, he prayed: "God! Help me! Please don't let me die! Protect me. I won't tell anything!"

As the questioning continued, Sheriff Fred Diamond contacted Hickson's wife for information on her husband's habits. "She told me that her husband would sometimes take a drink," the sheriff reported, "but that he isn't the kind of man to get drunk. Neither Hickson nor Parker were drinking when they got to the station. There was whiskey on Hickson's breath, but he'd already told me of taking a drink right after it happened."

That same night, the sheriff's department received another UFO report. Larry Booth, a Pascagoula resident and a former Air Force pilot, told the officers he observed a UFO streaking across the sky in an easterly direction toward Mobile. The sighting occurred at approximately eight p.m. Booth reported the UFO had flashing blue lights. Several other UFOs were observed in Jackson County that night.

In an interview, Hickson and Parker provided more details on their abduction. "The 'things' were on us so quick that we just couldn't do anything," Hickson explained. "I doubt that we could have resisted them if we tried to. They may have used some external force to hold us until they got there. I'm sure that they're more advanced than we are. I know now that they didn't intend to hurt us physically, but I was afraid they were going to take us away. I would like to emphasize that these people don't mean us any harm."

Hickson also discussed the creatures—"things" as he called them. "I've thought some more about them," he said, "and I believe they were more like robots. They acted like they had a specific thing to do and they did it. They didn't try at any time to communicate with us. I did hear one of them make a buzzing noise once. However, the thing might have been in contact with something in another part of the ship, or something somewhere else. I

didn't see the slit in their face, the spot where their mouth should be, move at any time."

Hickson also believes that more abductions will occur in the future. "I think these creatures will continue to probe the Earth. We haven't seen the last of it. I have always said there almost had to be life somewhere out there. Now, I'm a firm believer. I realize that our lives will never be the same, but I feel we owed it to the people to tell about what we saw. I don't believe I could live with myself without telling about it. I think we've done what is right."

Calvin Parker suffered from nightmares after the frightening experience. "I want to emphasize to people, please don't shoot at these things," he said. "They don't mean any harm. I believe that if they came back I could face them and would try to communicate with them."

Neither man elaborated on the reasons behind their belief in the friendliness of the creatures. Presumably, without any communication with the UFO occupants, their statements were based on emotions rather than factual data.

The day after their kidnapping, Hickson and Parker went to Kessler Air Force Base for a physical examination. "They were not given a complete examination," said Col. Robert E. Smith, Kessler's medical examiner. "They were here to check on whether they had possible radiation contamination. The tests were negative. They also told their story to our security people. They didn't appear to be fabricating their story. Both men were obviously depressed and frightened. We truly believe they suffered some type of frightening experience. We're also convinced that they were not lying, nor were they seeking publicity." Tests at the base also revealed that Hickson and Parker were free of alcohol and drugs.

While they were at Kessler, both men were interrogated by three officers from U.S. Air Force Intelligence. Later, Sheriff Fred Diamond reported that the Pentagon had queried Kessler with a sharp message: "What in hell is going on down there?"

Meanwhile, Sheriff Fred Diamond's office was swamped by 2,000 phone calls from newsmen throughout the world. At the same time, Hickson and Parker had to leave their homes because of intense pressure from the national news media, UFO investigators, and ordinary cranks. One TV news crew threatened to put "40 reporters on your front steps and they'll keep pounding on your door until they get an interview." The two men did appear on NBC-TV news to tell their story to millions of viewers across the nation.

Red-eyed and weary from lack of sleep, Sheriff Diamond discovered the frustrations of obtaining U.S. government help during a UFO "flap." Citizens all along the Gulf Coast were seeing flying saucers; the center of activity was in the skies over Jackson County. The sheriff felt that his constituents were entitled to know what was going on. "Air Force officials told me that they usually refer sightings back to the local police or sheriff's department," Sheriff Diamond remarked. "I told them I would try to go as high as the President in order to get some qualified help."

Lt. Iris Galen, public information officer at Florida's Elgin Air Force Base, said the Air Force believes local lawmen are best qualified to protect citizens. "If anyone feels threatened, we send them to the local police," Lieutenant Galen told the sheriff. "If they want a scientific investigation then we refer them to the nearest university."

Frustrated by these replies to his pleas for help, Sheriff Diamond telephoned the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He asked Capt. Dennis Parker, Air Force information officer, for assistance. "I've checked with higher authority here in the Pentagon," answered Captain Parker. "The Air Force will investigate only if there has been a direct threat to our national security. Nothing has taken place to jeopardize national security."

Still later, Captain Parker mentioned that the rash of UFO reports might be explained as a reflection from the planet Venus, or an airplane that was off course. "I'll admit I might have a tough time convincing Hickson and Parker of that," he said, ruefully.

Captain Parker informed the sheriff of Air Force belief in the controversial 1969 Condon Report. "That study concluded that we are not being threatened by aliens from another world," Captain Parker related, "and that there is no substantial evidence to prove that UFOs represent extraterrestrial technological developments. The Condon study was made by a university under a grant from the federal government and it can only be questioned in that context."

> ". . . Hickson also believes that more abductions will occur in the future. 'I think these creatures will continue to probe the Earth. We haven't seen the last of it'. . ."

As the Air Force turned its back on the case, two scientists rushed to Pascagoula for firsthand data on the Pascagoula incident. Dr. James Harder spent several hours with Hickson and Parker; he is a professor of engineering at the University of California and an accomplished hypnotist. Dr. Harder was met in Pascagoula by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek is a former consultant to the Air Force on UFO phenomena and is recognized as an authority on the subject.

The two scientists wanted to place Hickson and Parker under hypnosis to relive the experience during a trance. Their sessions took place in an office at the Walker & Sons shipyards where the two men are employed. The buildings were sealed off from newsmen; tapes of the session have not been released.

Neither Hickson nor Parker wanted to be hypnotized, giving their reluctant approval only after others in the room were placed in a trance. Hickson went into a trance for a short interval, but had to be brought out almost immediately. "His fear and terror became so great that we had to stop," Dr. Harder said. "The absolute terror of both men under hypnosis leads me to believe their story. If this had been a hoax, we might have heard the same story under hypnosis. But, we would have lost the terror factor. There is no way they could fake their fear so convincingly."

Although Hickson and Parker provided only sketchy information under hypnosis, Dr. Harder concluded their experience was real. "There is no reasonable doubt that the craft came from outer space," he declared. "It was definitely extraterrestrial. Where they come from and why they're here is a matter of conjecture. The fact that they are here on this planet is true beyond a reasonable doubt. The experience of Hickson and Parker was a real one. It was not a hallucination. It would be virtually impossible for these two men to simulate the feelings of terror while they were under hypnosis."

The UFO occupants, according to Dr. Harder, were cosmic anthropologists.

"My theory is that the Earth is a cosmic zoo," he said. "We are cut off from the rest of the universe. Every so often the keepers come in to make a random check of the inhabitants of that zoo. If a scientist picks up a laboratory rat this may terrify the animal even though the scientist may have no harmful intentions. There is nothing to suggest that the UFO occupants have harmful designs on humanity."

In discussing the craft, Dr. Harder added: "They must possess a technology that is far in advance of ours. They can produce a vehicle that will fly 120,000 miles an hour and not be burned up. Let's also hope that their technology has not been as destructive as ours."

After the hypnotic session, Dr. Hynek said the Pascagoula incident was one of the most dramatic cases ever recorded of the 800 known contactee experiences. "Hickson and Parker are not unbalanced. They're not crackpots," Dr. Hynek asserted. "There were 1,042 cases of UFOs reported last year and some of them included some incredible tales. The U.S. government has been derelict in not keeping up with an investigation of UFOs. People who see a UFO are told to call their local police, and then they're referred to someone else in a grand buck-passing game."

Dr Hynek has never committed himself to the theory of outer space as the origin of flying saucers. He remains an open-minded skeptical investigator, committed to no single hypothesis. "The immense distances in outer space are staggering," he declared. "What we may be observing is an unknown domain of nature, a multidimensional phenomena, or any number of other possibilities. Approximately 80 percent of sightings can be explained as normal phenomena, but the remaining 20 percent are the real puzzlers."

Dr. Hynek, after his Pascagoula investigation, reported that a future flap may trigger a national panic. "Actor Orson Welles created a panic with his 1938 radio broadcast concerning a Martian invasion of New Jersey," the astronomer stated. "All we need is a report of visitors from outer space and we'll have a similar situation on our hands. People are becoming frightened. A panic can occur because people seeing UFOs can find no one to listen seriously to their stories. The National Aeronautic and Space Administration is supposed to check out reports on flying saucers. They've never done so because they think they're silly."

Drs. Hynek and Harder cut short their trip to Pascagoula, bemoaning the lack of funds for a complete investigation of the Hickson-Parker case. "It would require several weeks to fully investigate this case," Dr. Hynek reported. "I'm satisfied with the reality of their experience, but I'd like to have had more physical evidence. I believe UFOs are a real phenomena that are just as puzzling to us as nuclear energy would have been to Benjamin Franklin."

In Pascagoula, Hickson and Parker had a statement printed which they hand to anyone asking about their UFO experience. The note reads:

"We do not want to talk with anyone or be interviewed at this time about our recent UFO experience . . . Please do not invade our privacy. We need to rest and also work." Charles E. Hickson and Calvin R. Parker.

Summing up their terrifying abduction, Charles Hickson recently asked:

"Why a country boy like me?"

★ THE END

SPACE GIANTS

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beast. There have been frequent reports of UFOs in the area.

A Rumanian migrant in Australia reportedly saw three giant creatures in purple and yellow clothing about 200 miles north of Brisbane. This sighting was carried in *The News* of Jan. 17, 1969: "Mr. George Vas, a repairman, his wife, Malanka, and daughters Olga, 14, and Maria, 13, all say they watched the spacemen collecting sugar cane and other plant specimens for 10 minutes. Mr. Vas said he and his family were asleep in their caravan at the edge of the road. About 4:30 a.m. they were awakened by the barking of their dog, Ica. He heard a load buzzing noise like a big swarm of wasps, and said he saw an object land; it was between 25 and 30 yards in diameter and looked like a Mexican sombrero. It gave off a brilliant violet color. Mr. Vas said he and his family watched as three spacemen—about three times larger than humans—descended from the ship. They had blocky arms and legs and shapeless bodies. They gave off a purple-yellowish glow. After gathering specimens for about 10 minutes, the spacemen returned to their ship. The craft than went straight up, traveling very quickly. As it took off, the hair on (everyone's) body stood up as if affected by a form of magnetism. Mr. Vas said this was his third sighting of 'spacemen.' He saw one as a child in Rumania in 1918, and another near Belgrade in 1946."

Although the appearance of these giant ufonauts have been less frequent in North America, information has been obtained of at least 25 reports centering around sightings of these creatures. Mary Lou Guenther, a Canadian researcher, reports that on Sept. 19, 1963, about 8 p.m., a UFO hovered over a field across from a school yard in Saskatoon, Canada. As the UFO passed over the vacant lot, it dropped a large container of some type. After the UFO took off, the young witnesses, including 11-year-old Brian Whitehead, started walking in the direction of the "box." When they were within 15 feet of the object, someone or something stood up. The being was about 10 feet tall, and suddenly started moving toward the children, moaning and holding his hands out as he came at them.

Brian described the alien as being dressed in clothes which "were like a cloak worn by a monk." The "suit" was white like a huge crayon. When questioned whether he saw pants legs, Brian seemed puzzled and said, "I don't know; sometimes I could see right through him."

After the children had calmed down, the police were summoned, and they arrived about 45 minutes after the incident took place. The investigation centered around the field for several days, and details of it were sketchy. The boys were questioned separately and asked to draw sketches, which apparently matched. According to Mrs. Guenther, "The following evening some boys while in the playground saw the same UFO return and again hover above the lot. They thought they saw an extremely large man lying on the ground because they saw 'arms and legs move.' The object then disappeared, and they saw nothing else."

During a widespread wave of saucer sightings in Mexico in 1965 there were several cases involving giants. In September, a group of saucer occupants estimated to be 10 feet in height, with brilliant red eyes and no mouths or noses, were seen by three women who claim they popped out in front of them during a stroll through a suburb of Mexico City. The beings were dressed in shiny gray suits and boots "just like out of the comic strips." After seeing the beings, the women said they ran away in panic and when they eventually decided to return to the site the ufonauts had departed.

". . . After watching a flaming fireball land in the immediate area, seven witnesses climbed a hill in Flatwoods, W. Va. When they reached the top of the hill they were surprised to see a dull orange globe resting on the ground. From the glow surrounding the object emerged a 15-foot-tall being . . ."

Not to be outdone, the U.S. has had it share of this type of creature.

On the evening of Sept. 14, 1952, seven witnesses, including a National Guardsman, climbed a hill in Flatwoods, W. Va., after watching a flaming fireball land in the immediate area. When they reached the top of the hill, they were startled to see a dull orange glob resting on the ground. From the glow surrounding the object emerged a 15-foot-tall being which towered over the witnesses. Its face, everyone agreed, was round and blood red. No one noticed a nose or mouth, only eyes, or eye-like openings, which projected "greenish-orange" beams of light. Around the red "face" and reaching upward to a point was a dark hood-like shape, which could have been a helmet.

Watching the "monster" gliding over the ground in their direction, the witnesses took off, running back down the hill and clearing a four-foot gate without opening it.

Later, questioned by researcher Gray Barker, the witnesses stated that an awful odor, like rotten eggs, covered the entire area. This stench was so horrible that they were sick to their stomachs for hours afterward.

Returning to the area with Gene Lemon, the Guardsman, Barker found the site covered with mysterious "ski marks." The impressions were about 10 feet apart in the tall grass and led from the tree, where the "monster" was last seen standing, to the location of the alleged "fireball."

Oddly enough, at the exact time of these seven witnesses' experience, residents from surrounding states were calling local police departments, TV and radio stations, and military installations to report peculiar aerial observations which were generally interpreted as meteorites.

The Air Force sent an investigator to Flatwoods a few weeks later and convinced at least one witness that what they had seen was a top secret government rocket, propelled by an ammonia-like fuel. No answer has been offered to explain the appearance of the 15-foot-tall monster. Thus it must be listed as another appearance made by giant saucerians!

A young Van Nuys, Calif., electrician, Ted Kittredge, came forward in June 1956, with his account of meeting three seven-foot-tall "visitors" who appeared quite friendly, had long flowing hair, and spoke English, "as if they had memorized thousands of conversations and were repeating the words on tape."

Kittredge said his stepbrother, with whom he shared his home, slept through the entire episode. Kittredge himself was awakened by the barking of his dogs and upon stepping outside to investigate saw a huge golden colored ball in his yard.

"Three men approached me without hesitation and told me not to be frightened," he said. "I was really scared. In fact the whole thing seemed like a dream. Only I know it wasn't. Several other people in the Valley had seen the same thing, even talked with the men. I just hope I never see it again, that's all."

Kittredge also appears to have had a brush with a mysterious group who try to silence saucer witnesses. After appearing on a TV show in Van Nuys he got a phone call in the middle of the night, warning him that it would be wise not to talk about his contact. "I was told to stop worrying and stop talking," Kittredge said. "I could hear

machines clicking in the background and the voice said 'We know all about what's going on. You just keep your mouth shut and forget about it.' " This type of phone call has been received by many people after a close sighting or contact.

While going for a late walk on the sand near Riis Park, N.Y., in September 1961, Stan Suban, of Brooklyn, claims that he saw a creature at least seven feet in height near a burning fire. The young Columbia University student maintains that his sighting occurred around 2:30 a.m.: "A sphere of white light hung suspended around the fire. Near the water I could see five or six persons whom I took to be skin divers. I could see the black 'wet' suits with the white strings drawn at their arms. They were all about 6½ feet tall and well built. I was about 50 yards from the fire and was attempting to get a closer look at what was going on. Then a figure, much larger than the rest, approached from the direction of the water. It came up to the fire and bent over it and remained in that position for some time. Then he walked around the fire several times, stopped and took off what appeared to be sweat pants. What then terrified me was the appearance of this figure. He was white as snow, seven to 7½ feet tall, and had no distinguishable facial features.

"I couldn't believe my eyes but stared at him in fascination and terror. At this time I hid behind a concrete block which was about seven feet high." The "alien" even towered above this structure. "After looking at the creature for several minutes I knew he was not of this world. He walked with an animated gait. I was impressed with the massive power it seemed to have within itself. I do not believe the 'person' was human."

Minutes later, the creature disappeared as it moved out of the firelight toward the ocean. Because of the constant shifting of the sand no impressions were found to confirm Stan Suban's tale, but he is very definite about what he saw.

One of the strangest encounters involving giant-sized saucer occupants occurred to six teenagers in Daniels Park just south of Denver, Colo., on the evening of Apr. 8, 1966.

The group of teenagers consisted of Alan Scrivner, Donald Otis, Michael Simington, all 17 years old, and Patricia Retherford, Kaye Hurley, both 16, and Mary Zolar, 18. At about 5:30 p.m. they drove to Daniels Park, which is a short ride from the heart of Denver. They parked their car and walked, joking as they went, a distance of some 350 feet to an old dugout shelter where they proceeded to build a fire and have a picnic.

About 9:30, Scrivner told reporter William Logna of the *Rocky Mountain News*, "We were all inside the shelter and thought we heard a sound like someone walking on top of the roof." Scrivner and Donald Otis took a flashlight and went out to have a look. "We couldn't see anything. It seemed real quiet outside, and then we noticed this buzzing sound. There was something out there rustling around and it would stop when Don and I would stop. Up near my car we looked out into a nearby field and saw something that looked like another car with big round tail lights. The lights moved around and then were gone. We went back to the shelter, where the others (were waiting), and they told us they had seen a big figure or *something* pass in the light outside. They said it was a lot taller than me, and I'm six feet one inch." Scrivner estimated that the being was seven feet tall.

"We decided to leave and as we walked to the car, Don yelled about a light. There was a white light that shot out real bright across from us, and two blue lights, dimmer, and a brighter one below us."

Four of the teenagers stood on the hood of the car to get a better view. They saw four objects that looked like "footballs with domes on them, sort of squashed spheres. This strange sound was all around us. It didn't come from one direction. It was pulsating."

Scrivner told reporter Logan that three of the objects were off to the right. "Two that hovered and one that went up and down—and the fourth came around from the left. The last one changed its color to red after it got close to us."

Red rays seemed to be coming out of the bottom of the object "on and off" as if the object was trying to blast off unsuccessfully. Scrivner continued: "We decided to drive out of there. My car wouldn't work right. It's a 1954 Ford, but has a new engine and works fine, but the engine kept (conking out) like the ignition was going on and off. There was nothing but static on the radio."

After Scrivner finally managed to get the car started, he reported that the others all saw a huge light on the road behind them. "It was 30 feet behind us and came up right behind our car and then it went out. The strange thing is I couldn't . . . see the light in the rear view mirror."

Police Chief John C. MacLvor said the teenagers seemed quite sincere and "two of the girls were really frightened." The chief commented, "I'm inclined to think they really saw something."

Emil Slaboda, Wire News Editor of *The Trentonian*, has been one of the few dedicated newsmen who has tried to get the facts about flying saucers across to the public. His investigations of several sightings which have taken place in New Jersey have turned out to be valuable contributions to UFO research.

In his *Across the Board* column of Feb. 5, 1967, Slaboda wrote: "The following two stories are true to the best of my knowledge. They happened in the Trenton area and both cases were reported to the police. The principals, however, wanted to remain anonymous and for good reason . . . monster and flying saucer stories often bring ridicule to the tellers! Although only a select group of people know it, a monster, presumably from a saucer, visited Washington Crossing Park, N.J., and scared the daylights out of four nocturnal visitors to the park some five weeks ago."

Slaboda reported that two men and two women were driving through the park when they noticed an unusual shadow pass over their car. "Although there was no sound of engines, the four passed off the shadow as that of an airplane heading for nearby Mercer Airport. They stopped the car moments later and two of the group left the car for a short walk." Suddenly, there was an alarming roar, "as if some animal were nearby." Hurrying back to their parked auto, the couple saw an eight-foot-tall creature gliding toward them over a grassy knoll. "It

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definitely did not walk like an animal or anything human," one of the witnesses explained.

Slaboda interviewed a brother of one of the witnesses who told the newsman, "I don't know what they saw out there, but I do know that whatever it was, it certainly scared the heck out of them."

The second encounter reported by Emil Slaboda occurred on Friday, Mar. 3, 1967, not far from the same Washington Crossing Park. "Two 19-year-old girls were driving down Bear Tavern Road, in Ewing Township. They were in the vicinity of the Mountain View Golf Course when the UFO put in its appearance." The girls told the Ewing Police that the craft was about 20 feet long, cigar shaped and was lit up along its entire length. When the object dipped down in front of their car, the girl driving slammed on the brakes and began to scream.

It has been suggested by the late Ivan Sanderson, John Keel, and many others that many UFO occupants are actually "androids"—manufactured creations. This would mean we are dealing with non-thinking, nonfeeling beings and are faced with the task of trying to understand machines which are merely "programmed."

The space giants, from eyewitness reports, could be the machines created by ufonauts to land on Earth and perform various mysterious tasks. Imagine what the Russian "Moon-rover" would look like in the eyes of a lunar creature.

What is astounding about the space giant phenomenon is that these "creatures" have been sighted throughout the world. But perhaps the most important aspect of this mystery is this: witnesses have always seen different shaped beings in different locations and one type of giant has never been sighted in another area. Have the masters of the giants or the giants themselves carved up the Earth into spheres of influence to accomplish—who knows what? Research indicates that giants have walked the Earth in the past. Were they from space? If so, why have they returned? ★ THE END

KIDNAPPED PLANES

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was sent, although it was abruptly cut off. No trace of the airplane or the passengers has even been found.

The final case is one of the most fascinating on record. British Wing-Cmdr. J. Baldwin, a WW II ace, disappeared in March 1952 when his aircraft flew into a cloud bank *and failed to come out.* He was on a meteorological reconnaissance flight over Korea at the time. One interesting sidelight is that at the same time that Baldwin disappeared, he had companions flying with him who had no idea what happened to him. Nothing was found in the way of wreckage, but there was one clue—at the same time Baldwin vanished, *a U.S. carrier in Korean waters sighted a UFO!*

So we have assembled quite an array of inexplicable disappearances of planes, along with some data showing that UFOs definitely have a marked interest in our aircraft. In addition, we have some information that UFOs may occasionally act in a hostile manner. We have also documented three cases where our aircraft have collided with something unknown. How do we tie this all together into one theory?

The last two pieces of evidence to be offered are from third- and fourth-hand sources. Their accuracy can't be vouched for, as we have been unable to track down their sources. But they are so important that we must present them to our readers.

The first item comes from Miami, Fla. Although different accounts give different dates, a consensus places the time of the incident as around August 1962. A U-2 pilot flying over Cuba perished in his aircraft. Reasons for his death are not clear, but whatever the cause his plane continued over Cuba and out over the sea. Suddenly, a UFO appeared on radar screens tracking the U-2. The UFO followed a parallel course to the U-2 until it crashed in Central America.

Finally, it is well-known in UFO circles that such things as so-called "mother craft" exist and have been seen by many witnesses. They are generally cigar-shaped, and have been observed launching the smaller disc-type UFOs. It is quite easy to envision one of these large UFOs being able to "swallow" one of our aircraft. Therefore, the following should be of more than passing interest:

• On March 5, 1955, in Paris, Ill., Eugene Metcalf witnessed a huge, bell-shaped UFO seemingly swallow a jet plane. The UFO pursued the jet, then opened what appeared to be a large hatchway and snatched it out of the air. After churning around in the sky, the UFO departed—with the plane. It is not stated whether or not the aircraft was ever reported missing.

If only we could find more details on the above! But that's all. Still, it is intersting to consider the possibilites of what's behind the disappearances of our aircraft. Natural phenomena? There is no known natural phenomena that can destroy an airplane *without leaving some debris behind.* Lightning, sudden updrafts and downdrafts, etc., can indeed destroy a plane—but not without a trace. The Earth simply does not swallow things whole. Obviously, *something is* destroying—and even kidnapping—these aircraft, but what? Or *whom*? In examining the cases of Commander Baldwin and the *Star Ariel* something unconventional was sighted minutes after their disappearance.

Evidence shows that UFOs have tampered with our satellites. Why not aircraft also? The conclusion seems inescapable.

So, next time you fly, you may have more than just a beautiful stewardess or movie waiting for you. You may just have something else! ★ THE END

CHANGING ATTITUDE

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1973, break down into four very specific types: multiple witnesses; physical evidence; low-level sightings (or close encounters); and contacts. A good portion of these sightings have come from reliable persons who have seen things in the sky and on the ground which, supposedly, should not exist—but do!

Rod Dyke, UFORC's director, admits that his organization is now sifting through hundreds of clippings coming in from all over the U.S. that will eventually be placed in one of these four categories.

The following have been taken from this large stack of reports to illustrate these basic types of sightings:

Multiple Witnesses—Dozens of eyewitnesses watched as an unidentified object, which one woman described as being "the strangest thing I ever saw," hovered above Santa Ana, Calif., on Jan. 2, 1973.

From separate parts of the city reports flowed into police headquarters of "the mysterious lighted object." All reports said that the UFO was of gigantic proportions, measuring more than 50 feet in diameter, with a round hat-like dome on its upper half.

The UFO was said to have a circular ring of multicolored lights around a central rim, and had two antennae protruding from a brightly lit door in the center of the craft.

One of the observers told a member of a local UFO organization that she could hear a noise like that of an "electric generator" as the unidentified craft disappeared, traveling at an accelerating speed.

Startling multiple witness sightings have been flowing in from all over the U.S. with Dighton, Kans. undoubtedly holding the honors for the most UFO witnesses in one community—more than 1,000!

"Although we may be a small town, we're big enough to be of some interest to whoever is inside those ships," claimed Police Chief M. R. Shelton acknowledging that Dighton had been the center of a great deal of UFO activity.

"During the past few months, beginning in early 1973, almost everyone here, some 1,050 residents, have told some kind of story related to UFOs," he reported. "Why, I even chased one myself in the patrol car at speeds up to 100 miles per hour." The object, Chief Shelton admits, easily outran him.

Physical Evidence—The constant vigil by ufologists determined to uncover physical evidence directly linked to saucer activity, may have been successful in recent months. Documented cases of scorched earth, dismembered trees, and "a strange foreign substance" have been among the forms of evidence left behind as a reminder that UFOs are actual hardware of an unknown origin.

Driving along Weatherby Road in Port Elizabeth, N. J., on Dec. 11, 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis were the first to report seeing an unidentified object as it descended toward Earth. "We were driving along at about 9 p.m.," the couple reported, "when we noticed this glowing object flying above the road ahead of our car. Within seconds the sphere came down to treetop level and proceeded to hover there for a brief period before crossing over to the other side of the road and crashing, or landing, in the woods."

The frightened couple raced to a nearby phone and placed a call to the State

Police at Norris Barracks. Responding to this and similar reports, Trooper Leonard Anderson arrived at the site, which is located about a half mile east of Port Cumberland Road, and what he found baffled him and has remained a controversy ever since.

"When I got to the scene of the reported crash," Anderson said, "I was surprised to see that something had literally carved out an area two feet in diameter back in the woods where this object had supposedly come to rest. This portion of ground was bare of all vegetation and pine needles, and in the center was a round hole two inches wide and four inches deep. It was a real wild area and I don't see how anything could have gotten in there *except from above.*"

Bill Gowan of Ellenboro, N. C., also saw evidence of a UFO landing on Jan. 5, 1973, when a strange object landed briefly in his backyard and then took off again, almost immediately, leaving behind "some weird greenish looking stuff' which remained mixed with the freshly fallen snow.

Gowan was on the phone with radio newscaster Pat Nanney giving a report on student activities at his high school, when all of a sudden the radio in the next room began emitting weird crackling noises. "I glanced out the kitchen window and there was this object moving slowly a few feet above the snow-covered ground," he said. "After wobbling for a few minutes it tilted on its side and started coming straight down. Moments later it landed.

"I would say that the object was only about a foot high and maybe half that size in diameter. It was more squarish than round and a roaring flame shot out of the end of it.

"I hung up on Pat and ran outside to get a closer look. As I did, whatever it was went straight up for about 50 feet and then there was an exploding noise, like a rifle being fired. After that it took off like a whiz and disappeared over the trees."

Examining the area, Gowan was excited to find that there were several small black particles left in a circle around a three-inch hole in the ice and snow. In addition, the hole was almost completely filled with a foul-smelling green substance.

A sample of the material was collected and placed in a sealed container and Gowan said he was willing to give it up for analysis but so far there have been no qualified takers.

Saucer researchers have files full of documented cases in which power failures have been attributed to close approaches made by UFOs. Thus, Stan Gordon, director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, believes there is strong evidence that UFOs may have been responsible for a malfunction in the radar system at Greater Pittsburgh Airport on Jan. 25, 1973. Gordon believes that this type of report, when checked out completely offers an unquestionable form of "physical evidence."

Although airport personnel blamed the malfunction, (which delayed the landing of more than 20 jet liners for a period extending from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and from 3:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.), on a "hardware failure in an antenna," Stan's group believes otherwise.

According to Gordon his phone was kept busy throughout the day and night by calls from residents living in the vicinity of the airport. In a lengthy news item featured in *The News Dispatch* of Jeannettle, Pa., the following day, Gordon said that there were many UFO sightings over the entire area. He cited reports including "a formation of five or six bright, round objects" that were said to hover over homes near the airport for more than 10 minutes before separating into two different formations.

Verifying Gordon's statements were police from North Huntingdon Township who added that they had received two calls about a UFO seen about 9 p.m. One of the callers told police seven youths had spotted a UFO in the sky over the Northwin Senior High School. There were additional sightings of a huge cigar-shaped, wingless object near Derry, Pa.

Low-Level Sightings and Close Encounters—There are those who say that Gerald Summey lives in fear of being abducted by a flying saucer. He has apparently read the many accounts told of Betty and Barney Hill, a New Hampshire couple that recalled (under hypnotic regression) of being kidnapped and taken aboard a strange ship from another planet.

Reporters from the Charlotte, N. C., *News*, agree that Gerald has a lot to be concerned about. Beginning in early January 1973, the 47-year-old professional truck driver from Harrisburg, Pa., began noticing a low hovering light in the sky that followed him as he drove along the open road. Several times, over a period of two weeks, the light would seem to get closer only to reverse itself when Gerald slowed down, hoping to get a better look at it.

His fellow truckers were initially skeptical of their friend's constant chatter about his new found friend but many of them became less skeptical when a news photographer, Tommy Franklin, and reporter Edith Low followed the trucker in their own car on one of Summey's long hauls. Several miles out, they too spotted the object as it suddenly appeared some distance off to the side of the highway. On several occasions they watched the object with binoculars'and even managed to get a photo showing a blurred blotch of light against a dark background.

"We all felt a sense of awe at the sight. This was definitely not a plane, weather balloon, or a stationary object (i.e., planet or star). Of this we are certain," said the pair from the newspaper.

Numerous sightings of the low-level variety have been reported in the Harrisburg, Pa., area over the past two years. On one occasion a formation of more than 15 UFOs were observed by the townspeople.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands of low-level sightings have been made within the last few months. Georgia, Mississippi, and Florida were among the areas being closely watched by UFOs for an unknown purpose during the summer months of 1973.

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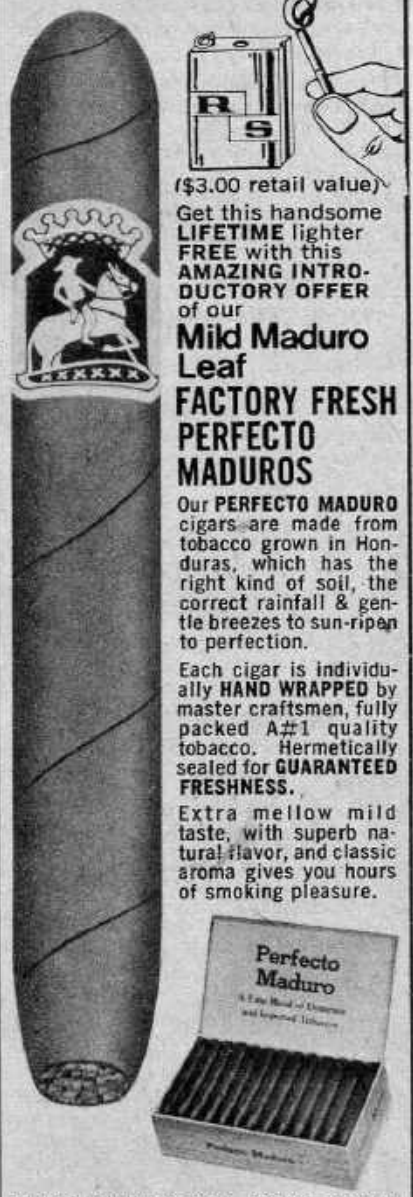

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same peak period. Unfortunately, very few of the sightings made in the metropolitan area ever appeared in print. Yet my own telephone lines are frequently kept busy by people who have seen strange objects in the sky. Such is the case with a young lady by the name of Pat (she has requested her full name be kept confidential) who telephoned on the morning of June 1, 1973 to tell me of an incident that had happened only the night before, during an unusually heavy thunderstorm.

"Eleven of us were seated around my friend's apartment in Brooklyn looking out the window, commenting on the electrical storm. At about nine p.m., we began to notice what I can best describe as weird lights floating outside. To get a better view, we left the apartment and went up to the roof since we realized right away that what we were seeing was not any form of lightning. We looked up and there in the cloud covered sky were two bright lights shining from behind some dark clouds spaced a good distance apart. The lights were flashing on and off—as if responding to each other."

Pat claims that this spectacle continued until about 10:30. The young and attractive witness, who is employed by a leading advertising firm in Manhattan, thought it quite strange that about seven or eight airplanes had also passed during the "disturbance," and she guessed that they might've been dispatched to observe the phenomenon.

Because of the unusual aspects of this sighting I called a local newspaper to see if anyone had phoned in an account.

The city editor of the *Brooklyn Home Reporter*, told me that although she had received no reports of anything unusual that particular evening, an obviously frightened man had called about a week earlier and claimed that he had seen a brightly glowing sphere land in the water near the Verrazano Bridge.

Contacts—Although there have been many reports of contacts made by UFO occupants in recent months, few ever get publicized because of the notoriety involved.

A contact backed up by additional eyewitness testimony of UFOs in the nearby vicinity lends weight to a claim made by a Cherokee County, S.C., youth whose identity is being withheld "to protect him from cranks."

According to a front page story in the Jan. 26, 1973, edition of the *Gaffney Ledger*, a 24-year-old resident was driving south along Highway 18 approximately 15 miles south of Gaffney when his attention was attracted to a cluster of flashing red lights on the road in front of him.

His initial thought was that the lights belonged to a police patrol car that had caught up with a speeding motorist. It wasn't until he got much closer that he received his initial shock. There, in his automobile's headlight beams was a domed, saucer-shaped object resting on three tripod legs in the middle of the road. In front of the ship were a dozen "human-like" men who seemed to be trying to "fix something" on the underside of the ship.

The editors of the *Ledger* say the youth told them that the men around the ship were all wearing outfits resembling white coveralls to which were affixed various buckles and belts. The men were of average height, had Caucasian-like faces and had the same style jet black hair. On their hands were what appeared to be white gloves.

The UFOnauts did not seem to care about the young man's presence nor the fact that he was watching their activities.

Even more incredible, the youth told editor Rodger Painter that he couldn't believe his own eyes, for the "men" appeared to waft in and out of view. His actual words were that they "sort of wiggled like worms, in and out of my field of vision."

Another bizarre episode occurred in the area during the same week when a woman reported that her car had been followed by a similar object along a road not too far from the alleged landing spot.

Other reports were made to the newspaper by three additional witnesses who said they saw a group of mysterious lights moving in the same area, one of them on the very night the landing took place!

Although a surprising number of scientists are beginning to take such UFO reports at face value, only a handful have begun considering the likelihood of actual contact. Among those who have been keeping a keen eye on activities in this category is Dr. Leo Sprinkle an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Wyoming.

> "... The scientific establishment is just getting around to examining the UFO enigma. A courageous few have been anxiously seeking answers to this puzzle for some time..."

Dr. Sprinkle maintains that if anything is to be definitely proved regarding the existence of UFOs it will come when we contact their occupants. Professor Sprinkle has stated on numerous occasions that he is convinced that many rational and sober individuals have had some sort of contact with UFOnauts. However, Sprinkle is not convinced that these episodes are of a strictly physical nature. "I have been attempting to assimilate just how much the paranormal plays in such encounters. There is enough evidence, however, to suggest that a lot of what is transpiring may have psychic overtones."

Whatever his conclusions, Professor Sprinkle admits two "very real" sightings of his own. "Before my initial experience I was a scoffer, but my first sighting turned me into a reserved skeptic. After my second observation I had to admit to myself that I had become an 'unwilling' believer."

Sprinkle has frankly stated many times before various academic gatherings that it is his personal belief that "the physical, biological, psycho-social, and the spiritual implications of the UFO phenomena are real and quite staggering."

A similar attitude has been expressed by James Hurtak, professor at the California Institute of the Arts, in Valencia. In an address delivered to an audience of laymen and scientists (including former astronaut Edgar Mitchell) at a conference on Acupuncture and Kirlian Photography sponsored in February 1973 by the prestigious Foundation for Parasensory Investigation in New York, Hurtak said that he believed "man is not the only intelligent creature in the cosmos." The dynamic professor offered evidence he gathered personally that supported his theory that our planet has been visited for thousands of years by beings from other galaxies. Among this evidence were scripts written in ancient Tibet which have only recently been translated by researchers. They suggest, a la *Chariots of the Gods*? that extraterrestrial beings may have intermingled with Earth races in the past and played an intricate part in the development of various cultures.

Since the early days of our Manned Space Program I have kept abreast of all comments made by our astronauts, or by anyone closely associated with our space program, concerning strange flying objects. Sightings of UFOs made by our planetary travelers have been kept under pretty tight security. Yet a number of our space voyagers have made comments—quite positive ones— concerning unknown objects seen in space. A good deal of evidence which suggests our space probes have been closely watched and followed was presented by this writer in an issue of *Sage* (see May '70 issue) and author Joseph Goodavage in the March and April 1974 issues of SAGA.

The most recent public statement of this type came from astronaut Eugene A. Cernan, commander of the Apollo 17 mission to the Moon. Returning from the lunar surface he had a chance to ponder the things he both saw and "felt."

"When you get out there, and you look at the infinity of time and the infinity of space, which is something none of us can really understand, but exists—and I know it because I saw it—you begin to notice how small our Earth actually is in comparison to the vastness of the universe.

"Statistically, there has to be an infinite number of other Earths and an infinite number of other civilizations.

"I think it's exciting, scientifically and philosophically and any other way, for people, young and old, to think that in the future we may be able to get to go farther out there, or there may be other civilizations we can make contact with."

On UFOs specifically, Cernan had this to say: "I'm one of those guys who has never seen a UFO but I've been asked, and I've publicly thought they were something being constructed and flown by some other civilization."

The retired astronaut also thinks that our present civilization is not the only highly technological one that has existed on our planet. "Maybe infinity goes backward as well as it does forward. Maybe the Moon can tell us something about the existence of some ancient civilization, not necessarily on Earth, not necessarily on the Moon, but possibly within our own universe, and give us an insight into what

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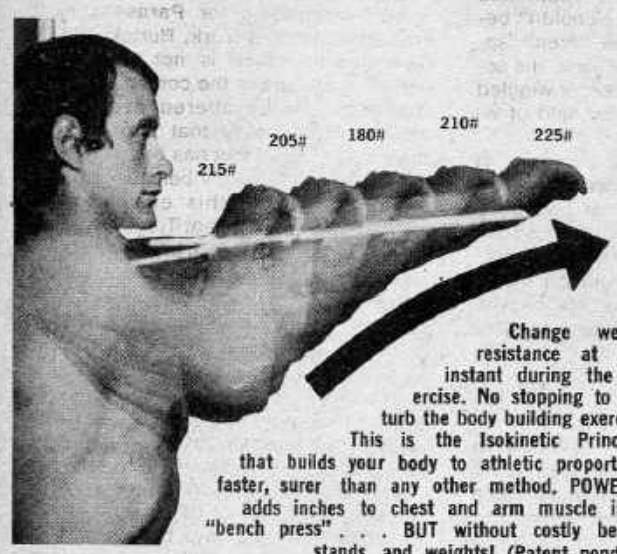

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it is really all about. Understanding something that is relatively untouched, that is two, three, even four billion years old, is part of the learning process to what is behind us, and what may be in front of us."

Another astronaut, Ronald Evans, says UFOs may be real. He told a news conference at Arionza State University on Feb. 6, 1973, that there is "a distinct possibility" that UFOs exist. Evans pointed out, however, that he did not see anything of this nature around Earth or the Moon, "unless you mean all kinds of particles that are flying around through space."

The astronaut added that when his craft went behind the Moon and he left the radios on, even though messages from the Earth would be cut off, he heard "a strange sound like a 'whooo.' " In several previous flights scientists monitoring the "chatter" of our spacemen have been stunned to hear unexplainable sounds that were not coming from either the ground or from the capsule itself.

On the Apollo 12 flight astronaut Allan Bean told Houston that he kept hearing a sound like "a whistle" in the background.

On the much earlier Faith 7 mission (May 1963) Gordon Cooper claims he heard "unintelligible language transmitted over restricted NASA radio frequencies." Later, during the Apollo 11 Moon mission, unnerving "sound effects" came across the air waves. The point of origin for all these "sounds" and "voices" is still unknown.

Dr. Garry Henderson, a senior research scientist of General Dyanmics Corporation in Texas, says not only that he is a believer in the reality of "spaceships" but that just about all of our astronauts have seen and even photographed these craft! This startling disclosure was made at the Planetarium in Calgary, Canada, where Dr. Henderson was invited to speak.

According to this research scientist, NASA has files bulging with photographs and testimony gathered from our spacemen. This material is not being released because the space agency is afraid that their funds for future space exploration will be slashed even more by the government. "People are still terrified to talk about these things; it's still a laughing matter to many, especially in Congress and the government. No one wants to be responsible for sticking his neck out."

Why does such an attitude exist among the government, military, and scientific establishment? Dr. James Harder, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, University of California, offers this theory: "There has been a strong feeling aroused about UFOs, particularly the extraterrestrial hypothesis. This is entirely understandable in view of Man's historic record of considering himself the central figure in the natural scene; the extraterrestrial theory tends inevitably to undermine the collective ego of the human race. These feelings have no place in the scientific assessment of facts, but I confess that they have at times affected me."

Dr. Harder believes that over the last 26 years a vast amount of evidence has been accumulated concerning the existence of these objects. "Most of this is little known to the general public, or to most scientists," he said, "but on the basis of the data and ordinary rules of evidence, as would be applied to civil or criminal courts, the physical reality of UFOs has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt. With some effort, we can accept this on an intellectual level but find difficulty in accepting it on an emotional one, in such a way that the facts give a feeling of reality. In this respect, we might recall the attitude many of us have toward our own deaths; we accept the facts intellectually but find it difficult to accept them emotionally."

As we can see, the scientific establishment is just getting around to examining the UFO enigma. A courageous few, such as Dr. J. Allen Hynek, have anxiously been seeking answers to this puzzle for some time.

Another exception to science's rigid attitude, by a man who has always been far-reaching in his thoughts, is Professor Hermann Oberth, the acknowledged "Father of Astronautics."

Oberth is one of the most renowned space scientists in the world. He has been striving since early in this century to realize the dream of Jules Verne—Man venturing forth into outer space.

"...They suggest that extraterrestrial beings may have intermingled with Earth races in the past and played an intricate part in the development of various cultures..."

During WW II, Professor Oberth was director of Germany's rocket program, the first successful application of liquid fuel propulsion for guided missiles. Under his leadership such men as Werner von Braun gained their experience.

As long as 10 years ago, Oberth was poking a pointed finger at his colleagues warning them that a great danger existed in ignoring the steady flow of UFO reports.

Oberth is extremely outspoken when it comes to this subject, especially the contactee aspects of the mystery. After meeting two so-called contactees who attended a UFO congress in Germany, Oberth remarked: "I thought before this conference that these contactees were deceptive, hysterical, or schizophrenic individuals but I have to say they made an impression on me. I am willing to bet one to 100 that these individuals are completely normal and saw and experienced *something*."

Asked why the UFOnauts haven't tried communicating with us more directly and openly, Oberth commented, "Perhaps they consider us uncivilized—like monkeys in the jungle. Our own atmosphere may be poisonous for the people who pilot these crafts. Perhaps there are bacteria in our atmosphere that might endanger their lives. Consequently they do not step out of their spaceships without being fully prepared."

Hermann Oberth is open-minded enough to admit that contacts may have indeed taken place and he is all for stepping up the investigation of the UFO puzzle on a worldwide basis. "We are only in the embryological stages of research in this field," he contends. "We have to wait with this UFO question until a more serious study has been made. We need some physical evidence in our hands."

Studying the subject from a slightly different view is Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, assistant attending psychiatrist at Montclair Community Hospital in New Jersey. Aside from monitoring UFO activities in the area, Dr. Schwarz has devoted a great deal of time to parapsychology and has written several technical papers on his research in this field. Like Professor Oberth, Berthold Schwarz is enormously interested in the "contactee enigma" and has often stated his theory that many of these individuals did, in fact, have actual experiences beyond the normal world. After interviewing witnesses in four separate close encounter cases he concluded that there was no psychopathological reason for these particular individuals to have these experiences.

Recently, while accompanying a woman in her mid-40s who insisted that she has been under almost constant surveillance by UFOs that used an area not far from her home in Massachusetts as a landing base, Dr. Schwarz himself witnessed a strange phenomenon in the form of two glowing globes whose colors constantly changed. The luminous spheres appeared to glide noiselessly in front of him for several minutes. Then both objects merged into one solid form, separated again, and finally took off.

Dr. Schwarz's battery operated tape recorder refused to function even though a fresh set of batteries had been placed in the machine earlier that day. However, the two motion picture cameras he carried continued to work throughout a good part of the dramatic experience and Dr. Schwarz captured the episode on film.

Dr. Schwarz admits that he is bewildered not only over his own close encounter, but many similar cases he has personally looked into.

"Psychiatric studies of all witnesses so far have showed them to be of normal intelligence and there are no signs of psychodynamic motivation for conscious or unconscious fabrication. Thus, it seems entirely reasonable that these incidents are factual and objectively accurate. If there is any question it is most likely in the interpretation of these accounts," Dr. Schwarz said.

And so it seems the mounting evidence is impossible to ignore. Undoubtedly the government possesses bulging files crammed with fantastic cases the scientific community knows nothing about. As

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John Northrop said recently, "I am not about to believe that the Air Force has given up collecting reports, nor is the government about to release its classified files to any scientific body for evaluation."

As it stands now, the UFO mystery is a long way from being solved, but with such respected men working on a thorough study we may cut the time down to a matter of a few years, perhaps even months before something concrete and conclusive is discovered.

And although the list of men quoted in this article is impressive there are many more scientists and other qualified men working on private research projects just waiting for the "proper time" to release their findings.

Whatever the end results may be, let's hope as does the "Father of American aviation" that UFOs are "of tremendous value to all mankind on Earth."

★ THE END

MAN-DOG MYSTERY

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Lt. Col. C. F. "Chuck" Zangas and Capt. R. J. "Red" Elting, both of Attack Squadron 533 stationed with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at nearby Iwakuni, Japan, were flying through the black sky that night in a two-man Grumman A-6A Intruder—the Marine tactical jet built for night- and all-weather operation. The two officers, both decorated Vietnam veterans and trained observers, saw three shimmering UFOs—"in a triangle formation," as Elting put it—climbing away from them.

Before the disc shaped objects vanished far above them, Elting estimated that they were "flying at Mach 3 (three times the speed of sound, or about 1,500 miles per hour at that altitude)." Although the A-6A carries sophisticated electronics gear, the objects *did not show on Elting's radar!*

The Marines at Iwakuni believe there is some "logical" explanation for the sighting, though they haven't offered one, but Akiko Nakayama does not. In hopes of ending the harassment of her family and verifying her story, she belatedly agreed to two full days of psychiatric testing at Fukuoka's prestigious Fukudai Medical Center. Examined for emotional and psychological stability, and general good mental health, the young woman passed with a clean bill and gained a new supporter. Dr. Toshio Akita, 60, a respected psychiatrist who supervised the tests, says, "I am convinced Ms. Nakayama witnessed visitors from outer space . . . "

Local observers, both headline-hungry reporters and serious, reputable scholars—one of them an American—are suggesting that Ms. Nakayama's UFO sighting is related to the centuries old mystery of that prehistoric sculpture, the *Inu-Ningen*, which stands on a hillside near Imari, 46 miles from Fukuoka, and which resembles (to different viewers) a dog, a man, and an astronaut.

And the *Inu-Ningen* was puzzling people long before the current UFO controversy.

Now fenced-off and long treated as a cultural treasure by the authorities (although its location, 800 yards uphill and seven miles from Imari, makes it virtually inaccessible), the *Inu-Ningen* is a crumbling stone likeness with disturbingly ominous features and chemical peculiarities modern science cannot explain.

Exactly seven feet high, estimated by indirect measurement to weigh 588.2 pounds, and apparently looking outward with a guarded, calculating, hostile expression, the *Inu-Ningen* was once thought to be a relic of the feudal Japanese civilization which flourished around 600 years ago. This, in itself, is not unusual in a country noted for its ancient cultural relics. But in 1963-64, a team of scientists led by Dr. Tetsushi Matsuo of Seinan Daigakuin University studied the *Inu-Ningen* with ultraviolet spectroscopy techniques for the first time *and* pronounced its true age as *1,700 years old*–three times the age of any surviving artifacts and older, even, than the most ancient relics uncovered in this part of Japan.

"It's not what everybody thought it was," Dr. Matsuo proclaimed.

But no one seems to know what it is.

A dog?

A stooped-over, hunchbacked man with dog-like features?

Or a helmeted, and perhaps backpack-carrying, visitor from another planet.

Dr. Robert L. Johnson, visiting lecturer in archaeology at Seinan, says that several theories about the *Inu-Ningen* have been studied and rejected. "We keep coming back to the fact that scattered feudal societies in Japan around 300 A.D. lacked the tooling and mathematical skills to produce a sculpture like this." Furthermore, no similar statue has ever been uncovered.

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Spectroscopy has also disclosed that the strange likeness is solid stone—nothing more—suggesting that it was built on Earth by interstellar visitors and ruling out the possibility that it could be an extraterrestrial signal device like the famous obelisk in the Stanley Kubrick movie *2001: A Space Odyssey*. At least as far as anyone is willing to say at the moment.

Other aspects of the *Inu-Ningen* likeness hint mysteriously that it was *not* made by any human beings who ever lived on Earth.

Aside from its age, the sophisticated artistry, the mathematical precision of its features, and its lack of resemblance to any other archaeological find, the *Inu-Ningen* is just too heavy to have been transported up a long, treacherous, near-vertical slope by any means known to the primitive people of its era. Further, it stands completely alone. "All other ancient artifacts of all types," says Dr. Johnson, "have been found concentrated together, where there is evidence of community, of society. There is no indication that any tribe or society ever lived where it (the *Inu-Ningen*) is located . . . "

A private UFO researcher living temporarily in Japan, 32-year-old James W. Erly, has talked to Dr. Matsuo, Dr. Johnson, and others knowledgeable about the bizarre statue, and has drawn his own dramatic conclusions. Erly feels the design of the statue shares common characteristics with mysterious symbols carved into the high plains of Peru centuries ago but discovered only in 1939. He believes the Peru symbols, the *Inu-Ningen*, and other unexplained prehistoric relics in Egypt, India, and Burma, were left behind before the dawn of recorded time by interplanetary travelers who've been returning to explore Earth every few hundred years. Erly also claims the *Inu-Ningen* is even older than spectroscopy shows it to be, and that extraterrestrial visitors are checking today to see whether it is still there.

The question of age, while unresolved, is vital here. If its true age *is* 1,700 years, the *Inu-Ningen* is much "younger" than the other archaeological findings cited by Erly, many of them tens of thousands of years old, and could mean that extraterrestrials have been visiting Earth for hundreds of centuries.

Why?

"I don't know," Erly confesses.

But his *reason* for not knowing, far from a mere shrug of the shoulders, comes out as a complaint. Erly is bitter—like most dedicated UFO researchers scattered around the world—because almost no one takes his pursuits seriously.

Because laboratory-type evidence—irrefutable, scientific finding—is almost nil, few major, accredited research institutions are actively working on the enigma posed by UFOs and extraterrestrial life. There are few study grants available for UFO research, fewer "experts." Exobiologist Dr. Carl Sagan, author of *Communication With Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, and a leading U.S. scientist in the field, says, "Nobody believes it is a 'proper' subject for inquiry." Erly, Sagan, and others are outnumbered by critics, including even Dr. Johnson—open-minded as he is—who asserts, "At least some of this flying saucer stuff can get pretty silly . . . "

The current controversy rages at a time when UFO sightings in Japan have increased dramatically. According to *Koku-fan*, a Japanese aviation periodical, there were 1,388 "valid" sightings in 1973—more than the total of the previous 10 years.

For example: On Oct. 22, 1973, student Kaizo Asanuma, 21, was among 40 young people who spotted an odd-shaped, orange-glowing object near Nago, Okinawa. Asanuma described the UFO as jagged-edged and pyramid-shaped with distinct indentations (windows?) at regular intervals. He and his fellow students watched the UFO climb and soar eastward away from Okinawa—toward Fukuoka Prefecture and

the location of the *Inu-Ningen*! The same object was spotted minutes later at 28,000 feet by an American TWA pilot who told reporters that it could *not* have been an airplane, a balloon, or a meteorite . . .

Is there a cover-up going on? Do authorities in Japan know more than they're revealing?

The Ministry of Culture and Information insists and that "preserving a valuable relic" is its only motive for erecting a wire fence around the *Inu-Ningen* which permits spectators—the few hardy souls willing to climb to the remote site—to view the statue only from a distance. Lt. Gen. I. Furusawa, the Western Command chief of the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force, told me recently that "there is simply no reason" for an official investigation of the UFO sightings by more than 400 people and the contact with extraterrestrials made by Ms. Nakayama. Capt. Thomas W. Turner, Public Affairs Officer for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Iwakuni, says, "we are not looking further" into the sighting of the same UFOs by the crew of a Marine Corps A-6A Intruder.

As of now, there is no know formal research taking place at the site of the *Inu-Ningen* or at the Hoshi-machi paddy field where Ms. Nakayama was touched by a strange, squat-shaped creature. (The UFO which brushed the ground to pick up the three extraterrestrials left no traces behind: there were no scorch marks, imprints, or tracks found in that rice paddy.) Except for a few private individuals and amateur researchers like Dr. Matsuo, Erly, and Dr. Johnson, no one seems interested—at the time this is written—in unraveling Japan's "Man-Dog UFO mystery."

So why are there so many official denials of interest? "I think somebody, somewhere, knows something," Erly believes. "But I don't foresee anymore public discussion—until we have a new wave of UFO sightings in the area."

That's not a very big "until." Erly believes the February 14th sightings marked a preliminary reconnaissance by the extraterrestrials and that they'll be back—and soon. The way things look now, more UFO visits are inevitable. Perhaps the next time someone like Ms. Nakayama will be lucky enough to have a camera along. And perhaps officials in high places will be pressed ever harder to explain why they loudly disclaim interest in what could, conceivably, be contact between Earth and alien visitors from the skies.

Whatever happens, the "Man-Dog Mystery" doesn't fit any convenient solutions. And it isn't a problem that'll go away by itself. Not until a wide range of questions are closer to being answered. ★ THE END

UFOS AND BIGFOOT

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where the car had been stuck was a pattern of prints with claws measuring nine inches in diameter and six inches deep. The footprints were staggered as if made by a walking creature, the stride spanning a phenomenal distance of six feet. The men following the imprints found they led into the lake.

Near the huge prints was an unidentified clear liquid, a substance which unlike water or normal liquid, did not quickly seep through the sand but remained for several hours on the surface. The officer who photographed the impressions and gathered the liquid samples became seriously ill at his home that evening and had a fever over 102 degrees. Testing by the Civil Defense revealed no radioactivity in the area of the prints or where the colorless liquid was gathered.

Dr. Schwarz, after his psychiatric evaluation of the witnesses feels the group had an objective, reality-bound close experience with a UFO and urges that physiological cases such as these should be of special interest to professionals in the field of medicine.

While radioactivity was ruled out in the above encounter, we still do not know what methods of propulsion the aliens use and so must speculate on other energy fields. Microwaves is one method which produces harmful physical effects in humans. And possibly the creatures themselves carry some bizarre virus from their own planet which temporarily affects witnesses with symptoms similar to influenza.

Throughout the icy Himalayas, the local people believe that anyone seeing the Yeti or Abominable Snowman will die within three years. Is this simply folklore, a legendary curse, or could there be some very real unknown medical basis for this legend?

The huge UFO flap across the U.S. late last year brought an assortment of monsters—some with four toes, some with three, some with shaggy gray hair, while others were seen having glossy black hair covering their entire bodies. Yet essentially, most were described as Bigfoot.

To emphasize the inadequate investigations surrounding not only UFOs but the creatures they are bringing us, a man near Kalispell, Mont., reported to police that he had seen something like two huge gorillas walking on their hind legs and stated that one of them had forced his car off the road. The frightened man was wryly advised to call the county attorney and file a complaint against the "gorilla."

But law enforcement officials in Murphysboro, Ill., took their monster confrontation a lot more seriously. Encounters with the creature had brought the local citizens to such a point of hysteria that Halloween festivities had to be canceled for fear trick-or-treaters would be injured by fearful residents.

It began in June, when a young couple sitting in a parked car on the town's boat ramp by the "Big Muddy," heard a loud cry from the woods nearby. They looked up to see a "light-colored, hairy, eight-foot-tall creature, matted with mud" lumbering toward their open window. Not waiting around to see what the "thing" would do, the young man lost no time in getting the car started and driving to the police station. Since the lady was married at the time, but not to her companion, the authorities took the report very seriously. In a small rural town like Murphysboro, "They wouldn't risk all that if they weren't really scared," one officer commented.

Later, while investigating the area, Officer Nash and Deputy Sheriff Scott discovered some peculiar footprints in the river mud and right then, Nash became a believer! "I was leaning over when there was the most incredible shriek I've ever heard!" Nash said. "That was no bobcat or screech owl and we hightailed it out of here!"

The next evening, teenagers Randy Creath and Cheryl Ray were relaxing on the porch of Cheryl's home, when they noticed something moving in the thicket behind the house. Thinking it might be an animal, Randy stepped into the backyard to investigate, with Cheryl at his side. Together they peered into the shadows. Then "it" stepped from the bushes. Towering over the wide-eyed teenagers, a mere 15 feet away, stood an eight-foot-tall giant with long, shaggy, dirty-white matted hair. The creature smelled foul, like river slime.

Silently, for what seemed an eternity, the two young people stared at the creature. Then it turned slowly and crashed off through the brush, back toward the "Big Muddy." The terrified teenagers ran into the house and told Cheryl's parents what they had seen. The police were called and after hearing the story, Chief Tobey Berger decided that was enough! He ordered his entire 14-man force out for an all night creature hunt, and they also brought a trained German Shepherd dog named Reb to help them.

Using floodlights, the officers discovered a rough trail in the brush and gobs of black slime that led in a direct line from the river to the house. One sniff at the black slime and Reb was off, leading the men down the hill, around the pond and into the woods toward an old farm. Then, at the door of the farm's abandoned barn, Reb suddenly gave a yelp and backed off, crawling away as he whined in terror. One of the officers pushing the dog bodily

The police radioed for additional help and soon 10 patrol cars came up the old road that led to the farm. With .357 Magnums drawn, the officers threw open the barn door—*but it was empty*! Somehow the creature, which should have been in the barn, had disappeared into thin air, without leaving a trace!

The monster continued to prowl through the rural area. Mrs. Nedra Green, preparing for bed in her isolated farmhouse, heard a shrill, piercing scream from behind a nearby shed. "It's 'it' again!" she told police.

While there were only a few reports of overt acts of hostility on the part of these monsters (of course, most witnesses never stayed around for very long after seeing it), three carnival workers observed the hairy behemoth staring with fascination at their tethered show ponies. As the carnival people cautiously approached the brush where the creature was partially concealed, it immediately fled. But an hour later, the smelly giant was back, again taking up a position in the brush near the ponies. The carnival workers kept a close eye on their animals after that and were much relieved when

their engagement in Murphysboro was over.

And while Murphysboro authorities had their hands full of hairy creatures, reports of low-flying UFOs were pouring in from the towns of Charleston, Scott City, Pevely, Crystal City and Danby, Mo.—all small towns bordering the Mississippi River and within a 70-mile radius of Murphysboro.

Reports of UFOs hovering at treetop level, moving in and out of clearings deep in forested areas, also came in from nearby hamlets including Carbondale, Steelville and Zeigler, Ill. Sheer coincidence? Or were these lights in the sky, the "small moons," keeping tabs on their creatures hidden in the dense woodlands below?

Stan Gordon, director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group in Pennsylvania, thinks the connection between these monsters and UFOs may be a reality. Vigorously pursuing reports of the hairy giants with glowing red eyes which began terrorizing the countryside in the summer of 1973, Gordon is convinced that the situation is serious and there may be more than one type of creature roaming about.

Affiliated with the Mutual UFO Network, Gordon's group serves as a statewide 24-hour UFO clearinghouse, with a complete staff of specialized personnel, scientific consultants, and a radiation analysis lab as well.

"We investigated over 600 UFO reports in Pennsylvania last year," Gordon said. "As of April 1974, there were 119 documented creature cases with 246 witnesses in seven counties in the state. We've had confirmed sightings from reliable sources of low-level UFO activity minutes before or minutes after Bigfoot was seen."

To illustrate this, Gordon said that in November, an Ohioville man and five boys watched a sparkling UFO hover over an open field until it sped away at high speed. At the same time, an Ohioville police official saw two "pie-shaped" UFOs hover noiselessly close to the ground and less than 60 feet from his car. Requesting anonymity, the official said the UFOs took off with dazzling speed when he turned his spotlight on them. Shortly later, a woman living in the area reported that she was scared speechless by a large creature covered with hair, having long arms and glowing red eyes. The following day, investigators examined a circular depression in a nearby clearing measuring 42 feet in diameter with nine "pad" marks surrounding its perimeter—*and a few hundred yards away were several sets of large, three-toed footprints leading off into the woods*!

"There's no way it's a hoax," Gordon emphasized. "I know three families that have moved out because of it."

During the same period, the *Standard Observer* of Irwin, Pa., reported that 22-year-old Phillip Maline of Jeanette told them the following incident:

"I was walking with my friend down the railroad tracks behind Greengate Mall just off Rodebaugh Road at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. We heard some noise coming from the bushes. Just then, this creature crossed the railroad tracks about 50 yards in front of us. He looked like a big gorilla with long hair on its head and also long arms. There was a rotten smell that accompanied it.

"He didn't make any move toward us at all," Maline said. "It appeared that he was afraid of us. He was swinging his arms very loosely and was about eight feet tall, standing upright on two feet. He also had sort of a hump back. At first, I didn't know what it was or what it was going to do, so we just stood there until he had gone out of sight. Until that time, I didn't believe in the reports I'd heard of this creature."

Another report told of a woman who had entered the upstairs bedroom of her home and recoiled at the foul odor coming from the direction of an open window. Glancing out, she was startled by two "glowing red eyes" peering in at her from the darkness.

Later in the month, investigators found several sets of giant footprints in Sewickly Township. The tracks were clearly defined, 20 inches long, three-toed, and definitely indicated the toes were jointed and made by a living foot. The impressions were so deep and the pressure so uniform that the creature had to weigh well over 600 pounds.

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In November 1973, Allen Noe, operations director of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained (SITU), switched on his tape recorder and from it came a piercing scream—a spine chilling wail that utterly defies description.

"One of our colleagues taped that howl back in the woods of Westmoreland County, Pa., where we have had numerous sightings of an eight-to-ten-foot-tall hairy creature with many of the characteristics of the Himalayan Abominable Snowman," Noe explained. "There is no question in my mind that the tape is authentic . . . we have yards and yards of similar tapes of the cries made by these creatures from other parts of the country. The descriptions match those we've received from Illinois, Arkansas, as well as the California Bigfoot. The thing is over eight feet tall, is covered with long hair, has a flat, apelike nose and pointed ears, and its eyes glow an orangey-red in the dark . . ."

On the basis of all the evidence, there is little remaining doubt that Earth serves host to strange giants but the big question now is where do we go from here? UFO investigators all over the country agree that the connection between monsters and flying saucers is more than coincidence. Where there is a flurry of UFO sightings, there is a proportional increase in reports of tall, hair-covered creatures. But, like the Yeti of the Himalayas, America's long-limbed "beasties" have proved elusive. In fact, in some cases, the sudden and mysterious *disappearances* of the creatures is very similar to teleportation!

But why drop these hairy Frankensteins on our planet? Are they "somebody else's" unwanted mishapen freaks? Are they animal or human, alien or the last vestige of primordial man—giants which survived cataclysm and catastrophe to end up in a fear-ridden world that shoots first and asks questions later? Are UFOs manned with cosmic zoo-keepers who are systematically keeping the creatures confined to desolate areas?

Skepticism bounces hard against new ideas. While the world's thinkers are beginning to accept the fact that UFOs are real, the linking of two equally deserving mysteries is still very difficult to promote. Doubters claim that all the evidence to date is circumstantial, even though our entire legal system is based on the fundamental value of evidence derived from "circumstance." The real clincher is that the evidence is *not* circumstantial but direct and primary. Like UFOs, we have photographs, impressions on the ground, soil samples, documented biological effects, animal reactions (including dead animals), affected foliage, and mountains of eyewitness testimony from reputable observers concerning these giants.

However, rejection of the strange and unfamiliar is a phenomenon worthy of study in itself. Sasquatch hunter John Green put it well when he said:

"Without footprints, the Sasquatch would present no problem. They could be dismissed as a mixture of legends and lies, with perhaps an occasional hallucination thrown in. But none of those easy explanations can be applied to footprints in the ground. There are only two possible explanations. Either they are made by men or they are made by some creature with feet of extraordinary size and shape. Such a creature would have to be very large, yet unknown to science and a close relative of man. The very idea is ridiculous.

"Alternatively, there must be a widespread, well-financed continuing organization devoted to the faking of big tracks all over North America. That is also ridiculous. The only reasonable explanation is that it is all some sort of mistake and the tracks don't really exist.

"That approach has just one serious weakness. The tracks do exist!"

★ THE END

TOUCHING IS BELIEVING

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Despite their efforts, it could not be fully closed and a space of about 10 degrees was left. Checking later, they discovered the lid was completely shut and all attempts to reopen it with a screwdriver were fruitless.

The object was shown to the father of one of the boys, a teacher at Nishi Senior High School. He scoffed, saying it was only a mold.

One of the boys, Kei Kojima, wanted to keep it in his home for a while. The disc was placed in a knapsack on a bicycle for the trip. Along the way, it simply disappeared without a trace.

About 10 days later, the boys heard a radio program featuring the well-known Japanese amateur astronomer, Osamu Seki who has gained international recognition through his discoveries of comets.

Wishing to tell the astronomer of their experiences, the boys called the radio station and left a message for Seki, asking that he call them when the program was finished.

Seki contacted a friend, Koichi Ike, whom he knew to be interested in UFOs. Ike visited the boys and reported their strange story to Seki. The astronomer was so impressed with the account that he incorporated it into his recent book, *In Search of the New Stars*. Japanese UFO researcher Jun-Ichi Takanashi read the report in Seki's book and publicized it in the *UFO Newsletter* of Japan's Modern Space Flight Association.

Interest in UFOs soared in Hamilton, Ontario, when an article appeared in the local newspaper on Apr. 2, 1966. It told how 13-year-old Charles Cozens had inspected—and touched—two strange craft that had landed in a field behind the Mounted Police Station on Upper Wellington Street. Several reports of UFOs over Toronto and Balmy Beach followed and a large green object was seen in the skies. One man told police he saw what appeared to be two stars flying parallel, one above the other. Suddenly they turned sharply, he judged at a 45-degree angle, and moved away erratically at great speed.

The incident that started this UFO flap began when young Cozens ran up to the two objects for a closer look. He said each was about "eight feet long, four feet wide, and three feet high." They had "red, blue, and green lights set into their rims and they flickered like a computer." The ships glowed softly, he added.

Cozens touched them and found their surfaces to be hard and smooth. "I couldn't feel hot or cold," he said. "Only one of them had an antenna. It was thicker at the base and narrowed to the width of a nickel at the top." He touched the antenna.

When Charles Cozens returned home with his exciting story he was questioned by his mother, who called the local constable. It seemed the boy had a three-inch yellowish burn mark on his hand. The family doctor advised a test for radiation, but four days later a geiger counter reading showed no cause for alarm. Blood tests also showed no ill effects. Still the burn was observed closely for several weeks until it gradually faded and young Cozens suffered no further reactions from his meeting with UFOs.

Dr. Enrique Carontenuto Bossa is a former WW II pilot and a respected aeronautical engineer. One April day in 1950 he was driving in the remote region of Bahia Blanca in the Argentine pampas. He was alone, and traveling to his hotel, 75 miles away. When the engineer sighted a disc-shaped object on the ground to his left, he stopped his car to investigate. Dr. Bossa decided the disc was one of the "flying saucers" he had heard about, and observed it from a distance for a few moments, all the while expecting it to take off suddenly. When it didn't, he approached the object.

There was an opening in the side of the craft and Bossa crawled up and looked inside. It seemed empty, but an amber-colored light pulsated in the overhead dome every second. Although leery of the weird surroundings, his curiosity overcame his fear and he entered the strange object. The floor, he noted, had a curious rubber-like resiliency. There was a curved wall around the inside and there were three seats. In two of them sat miniature men dressed in brown, one-piece, tight fitting garments that covered their entire bodies except for their faces. Their light-colored eyes were open and their skin was "tobacco-colored." Bossa saw another small man sitting, sprawled, in another seat in the exact center of the object. All the occupants were lifeless.

Gingerly walking around the bodies, Dr. Bossa continued to examine the inside of the object. He saw a screenlike scope in front of the middle seat and light rays that continually swept across the "screen." On top of this gadget was a glass-like rotating globe that seemed to turn in time with the overhead rotating light in the center of the cabin's ceiling.

For some reason Bossa had a strong urge to touch one of the little occupants. When he did, he found the corpse to be rigid and at that moment, Dr. Bossa began to experience an overpowering feeling that he was in the presence of an alien or strange form of life. He climbed out of the disc, ran to his car, and drove at high speed to his hotel. There he told two close associates of his discovery and convinced them they should return with him to the landing site. Because of darkness they delayed until the following day but could not leave until the afternoon due to torrential rains. They drove to the exact spot, but found no saucer. A search revealed only a small pile of grayish ashes that were warm to the touch. When the three men handled the ashes they were surprised to see their hands turn a sickly green color. (The same phenomenon has been described by persons who have handled "angel hair," the ephemeral substance often associated with UFOs.) They siphoned some gasoline from the car and washed their hands.

Then, suddenly, one of Bossa's friends pointed to the sky. High overhead were two silvery-gray disc-shaped objects and at a much higher altitude they saw a blood-red cigar-shaped form. The discs hovered in the air for a few seconds, then merged with the cigar-shaped object, which then tilted upward and shot out of sight.

Dr. Bossa had worn green-tinted glasses when he inspected the interior of the strange craft, and although he had not come in contact with the inside walls or instruments, he had touched the outside skin of the disc when he entered it. Now, soon after they left the site, Bossa began to suffer severe aftereffects.

In the following weeks the engineer fought drowsiness, a slightly high body temperature, and a strange blistering of those areas of his skin that were exposed when he entered the strange ship. Where his glasses had covered his face, however, there was no reaction at all. Greenish spots appeared elsewhere on his skin but when he applied an antiseptic, they cleared up. Bossa consulted several physicians, none of whom could diagnose the ailment.

Investigators found Dr. Bossa's reputation to be without reproach. He was a serious, professional man in good social standing and it was difficult to imagine him perpetrating a hoax.

Many "touching" incidents involve small UFOs that are often only a few feet in diameter. Researchers of aerial phenomena seem to agree that such "mini-UFOs" are really remote controlled scanning devices directed by larger—and unseen—mother ships. In UFO lore, they are known as "scanners," "monitor discs," or "flying eyes."

About the time Dr. Enrique Bossa encountered the UFO in Argentina, 12-year-old David Lightfoot of Amarillo, Tex., had a similar "touching" experience. On Saturday morning, Apr. 8, 1950, young David and his cousin Charles, nine, were fishing on a creek northeast of town. About 11 o'clock the boys' attention was drawn skyward where they saw a rounded object in midair. At first it appeared be a balloon but as it approached from the south they knew it was not a balloon at all, but a small UFO. As it came within a few feet of the boys, David's adventurous spirit was aroused and he began to follow the object. Charles tagged along at a distance.

The disc circled slowly, then dropped out of sight behind a low hill to the north. David reached the top of the hill and saw that the object was now on the ground only a short distance away. Its diameter was about that of an ordinary automobile tire and it was about 18 inches high. It had a rounded bottom and a flat, plate-like device on top, separated by a space about an inch and a half wide. A rod ran through the center of the device.

David came nearer and saw the top section was rapidly spinning. On top of the spinning portion was a peak with a spindle. The spindle, as well as the bottom part of the object, was stationary. The entire UFO was bluish-gray and there were no openings.

The boy was so close to the grounded disc he could not resist the impulse to capture it. Quickly he sprinted down the hill and lunged at it. Later he said that his fingers barely touched it when he experienced two sensations: "slickness" and heat. Immediately, the top section spun faster, the object made a high-pitched whistling sound, and it began to climb rapidly into the sky in a straight line. As it flew away from his

grasp the device spewed out a gaseous spray which, because he was so close, landed on David's bare arms and face. Within 10 seconds the UFO disappeared toward the northeast. Charles watched from 100 yards away and was surprised by the UFOs ability to rise and fly away so quickly. Both boys estimated the object's time on the ground as about 30 seconds.

In a short time, David's arms and face turned bright red and small welts appeared. When he arrived home, ointment was applied and the welts slowly disappeared, although the redness lingered for a time.

UFO researcher C. W. Fitch of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization reported two cases of "captured UFOs." The first happened during June 1951 in Cambridge, Ohio, where Thomas P. Weyer, noticed a disc-shaped object in some grass along a sidewalk. The sunlight reflected from it and at first Weyer thought it was merely a chrome hub cap. He lifted it, turned it over, and saw it resembled two saucers joined rim to rim. It was about 15 inches in diameter and six inches thick in the center.

Weyer said the disc's bright and shiny metal surface felt warm to his touch, but he believed this was because it had been in the sunlight for some time. He judged it was only slightly heavier than an aluminum disc the same size might have weighed. There were no openings, protrusions, or markings anywhere on its surface.

A puzzled Weyer laid the disc down for a moment and while he was momentarily distracted the object suddenly took off with a rushing sound and climbed rapidly into the sky at a sharp angle. In a few seconds it was out of sight, and not even an exhaust trail marked its path through the sky.

Fitch learned of a similar object that had been kept in a woman's garage since its discovery. A Philadelphia radio moderator investigated the case and obtained an interview with the woman. The object was round, three feet in diameter, saucer-shaped, and grayish-white. The finder would not release it for analysis and a few days later, when the moderator returned for another visit, the woman inferred she had discarded it. Again, no aftereffects were reported by those associated with the discs. Fitch told of the two "captures" in the *Bulletin* of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

It seems that persons who physically come in contact with the small, remotely controlled UFOs usually don't suffer any injury. Not so with the larger, "hotter" ones. Is there some relationship between the size of the UFO and the seriousness of contact injuries? The next account is worth pondering.

On May 20, 1967, Stephen Michalak was 80 miles east of Winnipeg, Manitoba, alone in the Canadian wilds. The day was bright, sunny, and cloudless. An amateur prospector, Michalak was enjoying his outing, chipping away at an interesting vein of quartz. He wore gloves and goggles as protection against the flying chips. It was a good thing he did.

Shortly after noon his attention was drawn skyward by the frightened cackle of a flock of geese. There, slowly descending toward him, were two glowing, oval-shaped objects. One settled slowly and landed 160 feet away; the other hovered at 15 feet for three minutes, then lifted into the sky. It changed from a bright red to orange, than to a gray tone, and finally bright orange. Michalak said: ". . . I have seen nothing in the world that moved so swiftly, noiselessly—without a sound."

The 51-year-old man turned his attention to the other craft, which was also changing colors. Michalak saw it change "from red to gray-red to light gray and then to the color of hot stainless steel, with a golden glow around it." He noticed an opening near the top from which a brilliant purple light shone so intensely it hurt his eyes and made red dots appear in his vision. Despite the bright midday sun, the strong light cast a purple hue on the ground.

Althought caught up with mingled excitement and fear, Michalak held his ground and watched. Soon he felt pulsating waves of warm air coming from the object and the pungent odor of sulphur. He heard a soft noise, like the whir of a small, high-speed electric motor, and the hissing of compressed air. As his fear subsided he took a pencil and paper from his pocket and sketched the object.

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Finally he approached to within 60 feet of the craft. Over the hiss of air and the sound of a whirring motor he heard two voices that sounded distinctly human. Now Michalak was sure the craft had an earthly origin and he stepped forward confidently and called to the occupants to come out. There was no answer. He called again—in Russian, German, Italian, French and Ukrainian. Again, silence. As he called out in English, he approached quite close to the object, and then decided to look inside. After placing green lenses over his goggles he stared in wonder at the interior of the craft. He saw a maze of lights, with beams that ran horizontally and diagonally around the inside, and a series of flashing lights, all working without any particular sequence. He stepped back and noted the extreme thickness of the walls; they were about 20 inches wide.

Then Michalak saw two panels slide over the opening and a third panel drop over them to completely close the aperture. He also noticed a small pattern on the side of the craft that seemed to be a ventilation or exhaust screen.

When the amateur prospector touched the side of the ship he found it hot, even through his heavy glove. The surface had the appearance of stainless steel, but he couldn't see any joints or welding seams. Then he noticed his glove. It was burned where it had touched the side of the craft!

Suddenly, the object tilted slightly. Michalak turned and felt a scorching pain around his chest. His shirt and undershirt burst into flames from a sharp beam of heat that shot out at him from the craft. He ripped them from his body and threw them away, but he knew his chest was badly burned. The stunned man looked back at the ship and felt a sudden rush of air engulf him. The craft quickly rose above the treetops and soon disappeared as had its sister ship.

After this occurred, Stephen Michalak noticed the strong odor of a burning electric motor mixed with the pungent smell of sulphur that was to remain with him for several days. He also gaped as the needle of his magnetic compass whirled out of control before it finally settled down. As he inspected the landing site he became aware of a growing nausea. The spot where the craft had rested was swept clean. Now waves of nausea overtook him and he began to develop a severe headache. He broke out in a cold sweat, aware that something was seriously wrong. A feeling of weakness engulfed him and he vomited. After a few moments, he picked up his equipment and started back to the bus station at Falcon Lake.

The stricken man staggered along, navigating by landmarks, afraid to trust his compass. His mouth was hot and dry, his headache excruciatingly painful, and his stomach heaved every few minutes. The spots before his eyes returned.

Again and again he became ill. He felt as if his chest was on fire, and red blotches appeared where the heat wave had blasted him. He had to remove his jacket because it irritated his raw skin. With every breath he smelled the stench of burning motors and sulphur; it seemed to come from within him and he could not escape it.

Eventually Michalak painfully made his way home by bus and that evening went to the Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg, where he was treated for burns and discharged. The next day he was no better. He could keep nothing in his stomach and had no appetite. The day before, he had weighed 180 pounds; now he weighed 174.

The news services picked up the story and as a result Michalak was subjected to a long and tiring series of questions and harassment by the press, radio, television, and government authorities. His condition continued to deteriorate and the family doctor was called in. Some of the treatment was effective, but Michalak continued to lose weight at an average rate of two-and-a-half pounds per day. Seven days after his encounter with the strange craft, Michalak's weight was down to 158 pounds. Repeatedly, he took blood and radiation tests, and the latter showed that he was not suffering from radiation poisoning.

Slowly, his health began to improve and he started to recover the weight he'd lost. But three weeks after his encounter with the UFO, itching began and several blisters appeared on his chest. After medical

treatment this condition disappeared.

Then, one day at work five months after the incident, Michalak felt a burning sensation around his neck and chest. The pain grew intense; his throat burned. He immediately sought first aid in the medical dispensary where he removed his shirt and discovered that his body was beginning to swell! Large red blotches had reappeared in the same places where the earlier burns had been. The superintendent took Michalak to a doctor and in the ensuing 15 minutes Michalak's body turned violet. The swelling progressed so rapidly he could not remove his shirt again. His hands looked like inflated balloons! Michalak felt his strength sinking and his vision failing. The room spun and he drifted into unconsciousness.

Under hospital observation the symptoms began to fade late that evening. Michalak's strength returned and he was discharged the next day.

The several doctors and scientists who were involved in the examinations of this man had different theories about his condition. One man said the shirt and body had been burned at the site by ultrasonic waves; another thought it was a thermal reaction caused by a blast of hot air under pressure. Radiologists who examined the landing site said that radiation found there was a product of nuclear fission, similar to that emitted by an atomic reactor. Another physician found indications of gamma radiation that might have caused the burns and the immediate deterioration of recently-eaten food in Michalak's stomach which could have produced the awful stench that seemed to come from within him.

Another significant observation showed that the amount of lymphocytes in Michalak's blood dropped from the normal of 25 percent to 16 percent, and returned to normal four weeks after the UFO contact.

Despite his wearying ordeal, Stephen Michalak steadfastly maintained that his burns and sufferings were not caused by any aggressive acts of the craft's occupants—if there were any aliens aboard. He said he was simply too close to the ship when it took off.

UFOs are not ephemeral "ghosts" of the air, but solid objects, fully capable of being examined by Man and responding to physical laws. Why reactions ranging from a mild rash to severe illness occur to some who have touched them and not to others, remains a mystery. But unknown craft containing, or controlled remotely by, human-like beings are flying in our skies every day—and have been doing so for many years.

Think twice before you touch one!

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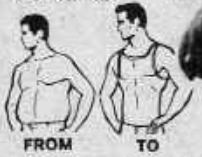

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